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TO

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

N.-W. PROVINCES AND OUDH, JUDICIAL (CIVIL) DEPT.

Dated Lucknow, the 19th August, 1885.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to submit a report, together with the prescribed returns, relating to the administration of civil justice in Oudh during the year ending the 31st December, 1884, and also the original reports of Commissioners, Deputy Commissioners, District Judges and Judges of Small Cause Courts.

2. There was a falling off during the year under report of Rs. 9,850 in the net stamp-fees realised by Civil Courts, the income under this head being Rs 4,70,561 as against Rs. 4,80,411 realised in 1883. The following statement shows the figures for both years :—

Income and Expenditure, Appendices A and B

Judgeship	1883. Rs	1884. Rs	*Difference* Rs
Lucknow ...	1,63,022	1,56,582	– 6,440
Sitapur	88,760	80,668	– 8,092
Fyzabad	96,119	1,07,365	+ 11,246
Rae Bareli ...	86,800	92,340	+ 5,540
Judicial Commissioner's Court ...	45,690	33,586	– 12,104

3 The net surplus as shown in Appendix B that remained after the defrayal of all charges, including those pertaining to this Court and the Courts of two Cantonment Magistrates, all of which dispose of criminal work, amounted to Rs. 1,64,897. A deficit of Rs. 20,291 is shown against this Court, but if a moiety of its expenditure be debited to criminal work, there is a surplus of Rs 9,010.

The details of Income and Expenditure for 1883 and 1884 are as follow :—

Income		1883	1884	
Net value of stamps		4,80,411	4,70,561	
Duty and penalty on instruments ...		4,021	3,582	
Fines		323	1,090	
Net process fees		83,260	88,783	
Judicial record fund ...		19,164	34,379	
Expenditure	Total ..	5,87,179	5,98,395	+ 11,216
Salaries of officers and establishments ...		3,48,822	3,65,803	
Process serving establishment		50,198	52 509	
Judicial record fund		9,750	15,186	
	Total ...	4,08,240	4,33,498	+ 25,258
	Surplus ...	1,78,939	1,64,897	– 14,042

ORDINARY CIVIL COURTS.

IMPERIAL RETURNS, Nos VII AND VIII. Suits instituted.

4. Excluding suits in Small Cause Courts proper and in the Courts of Sub-Judges and Munsifs exercising Small Cause Court powers, the number of suits instituted in the ordinary Civil Courts during the year 1884, aggregated 36,192, the subject-matter being valued at Rs. 61,78,070. In 1883, similar suits numbered 37,242 valued at Rs. 1,41,45,598.

Value of subject-matter of suits.

5. As compared with the figures for 1883, the falling off for 1884 in the value of the subject-matter of suits amounted to Rs. 79,67,528, and was distributed thus;—Fyzabad, Rs. 57,07,935; Lucknow, Rs. 17,53,268; Rae Bareli, Rs. 2,89,088; Sitapur, Rs. 2,17,237. The falling off in the two first named judgeships is due to the absence during the year under report of suits of exceptionally high value, such as the Taj Mahal pension suit and the suit between the widows of the Mahárája of Balrampur, valued at nearly 63½ lakhs of rupees.

The average value of each suit in Fyzabad fell from Rs. 695 in 1883 to Rs. 135 in 1884, and in Lucknow from Rs. 501 to Rs. 400.

Description of suits.

6. A comparative statement showing the fluctuation in the more numerous kinds of suits instituted in ordinary Civil Courts during the past two years, is here given:—

	1883.	1884.	*Difference.*
Contract in writing	11,147	11,046	− 101
Do not in writing	5,993	6,023	+ 30
On account stated	2,431	2,436	+ 5
Money had and received	904	767	− 137
Goods sold	1,698	1,682	− 16
Breach of contract	942	925	− 17
Movable property	3,282	3,178	− 104
Damages	2,210	1,734	− 476
Immovable property	5,505	5,175	− 330

Courts in which suits were instituted

7. During the past two years the number of suits filed in each grade of ordinary Civil Courts aggregated—

	1883.	1884.
Honorary Assistant Commissioners	3,896	3,767
Sub Judges and Munsifs	33,247	32,345
District Judges	99	80

IMPERIAL RETURN, No. IX, PART I. Mode of disposal

8. The ordinary courts of original jurisdiction disposed of 37,958 suits during the year under report, being 342 more than were disposed of in 1883, in which year out of 43,159 shown as disposed of 4,859 were pending at the close of the year. The following statement shows the manner in which suits were disposed of in both years:—

	1883.	1884.	*Difference.*
Disposed of without trial			
Plaints rejected or returned	.. 700	724	+ 24
Dismissed for default	... 6,615	6,856	+241
Withdrawn with leave	... 1,674	1,474	−200
Disposed of without contest.			
Compromised	.. 4,308	4,303	− 5
Decreed on confession	... 4,710	4,303	−407
Ditto *ex parte*	... 3,571	3,773	+202
Dismissed *ex parte*	... 763	939	+176
Disposed of with contest			
Judgment for plaintiff	... 9,710	9,436	−274
Ditto defendant	... 5,797	5,719	− 78
On reference to arbitration.			
For plaintiff	... 338	314	− 24
„ defendant	... 114	117	+ 3
Pending	... 4,859	4,364	−495

The heaviest pending files were in Munsifs' courts, and in the Fyzabad judgeship. Colonel Chamier is industrious and a quick worker, but the litigation which comes before the District Judge of Fyzabad is very heavy. The munsifs of Gonda and Fyzabad are overburdened with work, and will shortly need relief. It is understood that the District Judge is about to submit proposals.

Distribution of work.

9. The number of suits disposed of by each class of court, and the percentage of suits to the total disposed of, are shown below :—

	Number of suits.	Percentage on total number.
Honorary Assistant Commissioners	3,933	10·36
Munsifs	27,913	73·58
Sub-Judges	6,026	15·87
District Judges	87	0·22

The percentages in 1883 were:—Honorary Assistant Commissioners 10·48; Munsifs 71·62; Sub-Judges 17·58; District Judges 0·30. Munsifs disposed of 478 suits more than in 1883, and Sub-Judges disposed of fewer suits by 708. The average number of original suits disposed of by District Judges during 1884 was 22; but the District Judge of Lucknow disposed of 39 suits.

Litigation in districts.

10. The following table shows the work, exclusive of Small Cause Court suits, done in each district :—

District.	District Judges.	Sub-Judges.	Munsifs.	Average for each Munsif.	Honorary Assistant Commissioners.
Lucknow	39	368	1,950	975	32
Unao	"	261	1,641	542	229
Bara Banki	"	621	1,481	725	13
Sitapur	20	610	3,259	1,624	564
Hardoi	"	290	1,809	904	976
Kheri	"	905	956	956	734
Fyzabad	11	339	2,849	946	"
Bahraich	"	230	1,961	1,961	1,075
Gonda	"	243	5,847	1,461	"
Rae Bareli	17	528	2,439	1,219	261
Sultanpur	"	389	2,286	1,144	"
Partabgarh	"	1,242	1,462	731	49

Duration of suits.

11. The average duration (for the province) of suits in the ordinary Civil Courts was :—

Contested suits	71 days.
Uncontested suits	25 "

and in each class of Courts, it was :—

	Contested: days.	Uncontested: days.
Honorary Assistant Commissioners ...	50·17	26·10
Munsifs	67·44	31·99
Sub-Judges	70·64	32·18
District Judges	187·23	88·53

The Courts of Honorary Assistant Commissioners show the lowest average duration in both classes of suits, and there is a marked improvement, as compared with the figures for 1883 (35·75 days), in average duration of uncontested suits in the Courts of Munsifs.

The average duration of suits in the Courts of Sub-Judges was much the same in both years.

In the Courts of District Judges the average duration of contested suits rose from 165 days in 1883 to 187 days in 1884, and of uncontested suits from 80 days to 88.

The highest average duration for contested suits (228 days) was in the Court of the District Judge of Rae Bareli, but at the same time the lowest average duration for uncontested suits in the Courts of District Judges (142 days) was in that Court.

12. The highest number of adjournments in a decided suit (24) occurred in the Court of the Munsif of Bilgram, Hardoi District. There were 23 adjournments in a decided suit in the Court of the Sub-Judge of Sitapur ; 22 in the Court of the Sub-Judge of Rae Bareli ; 21 in each of the Courts of the Munsifs of Fyzabad and Gonda, and 20 in the Court of the Munsif of Kunda, Partabgarh.

Adjournments.

13. Ordinary Civil Courts disposed of 6,245 miscellaneous cases during the year under report, being 144 fewer than in 1883. The percentage of cases contested was 61·87 as against 64·1 in 1883, and of such cases 2,433 were decided in favour of plaintiff, and 1,422 in favour of defendant : 1,398 cases were struck off without trial, 183 were compromised, 241 were decreed on confession, 559 were decreed or dismissed *ex parte*, and 9 were referred to arbitration. The average duration of contested cases was 34·18 days, and of uncontested cases 25·42 days.

Imperial Return, No. IX, Part 2. Miscellaneous cases.

14. There was an increase of 121 in the number of appeals presented to District and Subordinate Judges—3,844 in 1884 as against 3,723 in 1883. The following statement shows the number of appeals for hearing, and how they were disposed of in each year:—

Imperial Return, No X, Part 1. Appeals from decrees.

	1883.	1884.	Percentage on total number. 1883.	1884.
Total number of appeals for hearing ...	4,524	4,670	2·40	1·67
Rejected	109	78		
Transferred	...	...		
Dismissed for default	140	139	3 09	2 97
Heard ex parte.				
Confirmed	32	21	1·37	0·90
Modified	4	5		
Reversed	15	10		
Remanded	11	8		
Contested.				
Confirmed	2,174	2,380	48·05	50 90
Modified	264	302	5 85	6 46
Reversed	653	647	14·43	13·85
Remanded	324	252	7 16	5 39
Pending	798	828	17 63	17 70

At the close of the year 368 appeals remained pending in Rae Bareli, 285 in Fyzabad, 89 in Lucknow, and 86 in Sitapur.

15. The following statement shows the distribution of work by Divisions:—

	For disposal.	Disposed of.	Pending.
Lucknow	993	904	89
Sitapur	707	621	86
Fyzabad	1,773	1,488	285
Rae Bareli	1,197	829	368

In 1883 the average duration of appeals was 72·29 days, and in the year under report it fell to 62·83 days as shown below :—

	1883.	1884.
Lucknow	69·18	51·32
Sitapur	54·93	73·18
Fyzabad	101·23	75·79
Rae Bareli	40·04	55·17
Days ...	72 29	62·83

The highest percentage of decrees confirmed was in Sitapur, and of decrees reversed in Fyzabad.

Appellate Courts.

16. The following statement shows the distribution of work in Appellate Courts:—

District Judges.	*For disposal.*	*Disposed of.*	*Pending.*
Lucknow ...	651	577	74
Sitapur ...	707	621	86
Fyzabad ...	1,335	1,099	236
Rae Bareli ...	1,120	798	322
Sub-Judges.			
Lucknow ...	164	152	12
Unao ...	114	111	3
Bara Banki ...	64	64	"
Fyzabad ...	130	123	7
Gonda ...	308	266	42
Rae Bareli ...	2	2	"
Sultanpur ...	75	29	46

Only 44 appeals were heard *ex parte* during the year under report; 62 having been so heard in the previous year. The following Courts show a high percentage of appeals remanded under section 562, Civil Procedure Code:—District Judge, Rae Bareli, 16; Sub-Judges, Fyzabad, 21; Bara Banki, 15; Sultanpur, 14; and Unao, 12.

Appeals to Judicial Commissioner.

17. There were 816 first and second Civil appeals for disposal in my Court during 1884, as against 747 in 1883. A comparative statement of the figures for both years is here given:—

	1883.	1884.	*Percentage on total for disposal.* 1883.	1884.
Rejected	168	110	23·42	14·95
Dismissed for default	7	12		
Heard ex parte.				
Confirmed	5	...	1·47	
Modified	1	...		
Reversed	5	...		
Remanded	...	1		
Contested.				
Confirmed	147	91	19·67	11·15
Modified	32	20	4·28	2·45
Reversed	78	58	10·44	7·10
Remanded	1	5	0·13	0·61
Pending ...	303	519	40·57	63·60

Imperial Return, No. X, Part 2. Miscellaneous Appeals; Judicial Commissioner's Court.

18. In addition to the appeals referred to in the preceding paragraph, 111 miscellaneous appeals came before the Judicial Commissioner, of which 68 were disposed of, and 43 remained pending at the close of the year. There were also 359 applications for revision under section 622, Act XIV of 1882, of which 188 were rejected or dismissed, and the rest were disposed of as follows:—Decrees confirmed in 23, modified 7, reversed 15, remanded 4, remained pending at the close of the year 122. The average duration for applications under section 622, Civil Procedure Code, was 68·7 days.

The average duration of appeals in the Court of the Judicial Commissioner during the years 1883 and 1884 was:—

	1883.	1884.
Appeals from original decrees	235·9	361·4
Ditto appellate decrees	128·9	238·2
Miscellaneous appeals from orders of Original Courts ...	131·4	112·5
Ditto ditto Appellate Courts ...	198·7	169·2

The question of the arrears in the Judicial Commissioner's Court has been, and is, separately before Government; and need not, therefore, be further referred to. As it now stands, it is simply a question of the provision of adequate or inadequate office establishment.

Courts of District Judges.

19. District Judges disposed of 167 miscellaneous appeals in 1884 as against 188 in 1883, and Subordinate Judges disposed of 27 such appeals. Out of the 194 appeals disposed of, 19 were rejected or dismissed, in 93 cases the orders appealed against were confirmed, in 3 modified, and in 45 reversed. The orders in 34 cases were remanded under section 562, Civil Procedure Code, and 26 appeals remained pending at the close of the year. The average duration was 58·06 days as against 56·85 days in 1883.

Imperial Return, No. XI. Execution of decrees.

20. There were 24,040 applications for execution of decree before the ordinary Civil Courts during 1884, being exactly the same number that came up for disposal in 1883. The following comparative statement shows how such applications were disposed of in each year :—

	1883.	1884.	Percentage to total number of applications. 1883.	1884.
By transfer	518	507	1 89	2·10
Satisfied in full	9,253	8,878	38 49	36 90
Do. part	3,366	3,504	13 43	14 57
Wholly infructuous ...	7,812	7,819	32 45	32·48
Pending ...	3,091	3,332	11 83	13 86

Decrees were executed in the following manner during the year under report :—

By imprisonment of debtor	175
Do. arrest ditto	192
Do. sale of movable property	1 763
Do. attachment of ditto	3,887
Do. sale of immovable property	619
Do. dealing with immovable property under sections 305, 322 or 326, Civil Procedure Code	27
Do. attachment of immovable property	953
Do. giving possession of movable property	33
Do. ditto immovable ditto	2,008
Do enforcement of contract	67
Do. partition	11
Do. other means	3,886

Imperial Return No XII Insolvency.

21. During the year under report there were before the Courts 48 applications for declaration of insolvency. Eleven applications were granted, 27 were rejected, and 10 remained pending at the close of the year.

Provincial Return No XV.

22. There were 52,954 witnesses before the Courts during 1884, fewer by 1,848 than in 1883. Over 97 per cent. of witnesses were discharged after being in attendance one day, being two per cent. more than in 1883 ; 1,117 persons were detained two days, 135 persons three days, and 32 persons from four to eight days. These figures compare favourably with the figures for 1883

Process fees.

23. The receipts in all Civil Courts on account of processes amounted to Rs. 81,313, being Rs. 3,535 less than in 1883. This decrease is accounted for by the difference between the number and value of subject-matter of suits instituted in 1883 and 1884. The expenditure amounted to Rs. 62,776, leaving a surplus of Rs. 18,537.

Sale Commission Fund.

24. The receipts amounted to Rs. 11,679 or Rs. 2,363 more than in the previous year, and the disbursements amounted to Rs. 4,142, leaving a surplus of Rs. 7,627. The surplus in 1883 was Rs. 5,577.

Records.

25. *Lucknow.*—The weeders were engaged in re-arranging and registering Civil files received from the Deputy Commissioner's office; all the Civil files have been taken over from the Deputy Commissioner, Lucknow

Unao.—As weeders were only entertained late in the year in September, only 1,431 B files were weeded and 10,330 remain to be weeded.

Bara Banki.—The weeders were engaged in restoring 8,000 files of execution of decree received from the Deputy Commissioner's office.

Sitapur.—Eleven thousand and sixty-two A and B files were weeded.

Hardoi.—Of A files 2,144 and of B files 4,870 were weeded. A files from 1870 and B files from 1881 remain to be weeded.

Kheri.—As there is not accommodation for them in the present building, the old records have not yet been taken over from the Deputy Commissioner, but 5,289 B files were weeded.

Fyzabad.—Ten thousand files were weeded.

Gonda.—In this district 5,337 A files and 8,362 B files were weeded.

Bahraich.—No weeding was done in this district as the files are in the Deputy Commissioner's record-room.

Rae Bareli.—Eight thousand six hundred and fifty-five A files, and 4,916 B files were weeded.

Sultanpur.—One thousand four hundred and seventy-two A files, and 4,533 B files were weeded.

Partabgarh.—Five thousand four hundred and ninty-one A files, and 3,352 B files were weeded.

SMALL CAUSE COURTS.

IMPERIAL RETURN No. VII. Suits instituted.

26. The number of suits instituted in Small Cause Courts and in the Courts of Munsifs and Subordinate Judges exercising Small Cause Court powers, aggregated 15,803 during 1884, being fewer by 511 than were instituted in 1883, as shown in the following statement :—

	Lucknow City.	*Lucknow Cantonments.*	*Fyzabad Cantonments.*	*Munsifs and Sub Judges.*	*Difference.*
1883 ...	4,598	369	74	11,373	
1884 ...	5,450	390	65	9,898	
	+ 852	+ 21	— 9	— 1,375	— 511

Eight Subordinate Judges and seven Munsifs exercised Small Cause Court powers during the year under report. The fluctuation in the different classes of suits during the years 1883 and 1884 is set forth in the following statement :—

	1883.	1884.	*Difference.*
Goods sold	2,045	2,292	+ 247
On account stated	2,240	2,452	+ 212
Money had and received	480	553	+ 73
Movable property	1 636	1,207	— 429
Contract not in writing	2,844	2,672	— 172
Do. in writing	4,569	4,415	— 154
Damages	757	658	— 99
Rent not falling under Rent Act	540	461	— 79
Breach of contract	640	574	— 66
Wages, work and materials	563	519	— 44

IMPERIAL RETURN No. VIII: Value of suits instituted.

27. There was, during the year under report, a decrease of Rs. 59,117 in the value of the subject-matter of suits instituted in Courts of Small Causes, as compared with the figures for 1883. The value of suits instituted in 1884 was estimated at Rs. 4,96,004, of which sum Rs. 2,86,356 is the value of suits instituted in the Courts of Munsifs and Sub-Judges on the Small Cause Court side.

The estimated value of suits instituted in the Lucknow City Small Cause Court rose from Rs. 1,80,622 in 1883 to Rs. 1,98,835 in 1884. The following figures for the two years show that the increase was not confined to suits of a particular value :—

Value of suits—	1883.	1884.	*Difference.*
Not exceeding Rs 10	2,133	2,540	+ 587
Ditto „ 50	1,636	1,968	+ 332
Ditto „ 100	373	450	+ 77
Ditto „ 500	456	486	+ 30

The average value per suit instituted in all classes of Small Cause Courts was Rs. 31-6-0 in 1884 as against Rs. 34 in 1883, and 12·6 per cent. of the total number of suits instituted were valued at more than Rs. 50 each, as against 14 per cent. in 1883.

IMPERIAL RETURN No. IX, PART I. Results of trials.

28. There were 16,739 suits for disposal before all classes of Small Cause Courts during the year under report, being 1,539 less than during 1883. The statement given below shows how suits were disposed of, and the percentage of the manner of disposal to the total number of suits:—

Without trial	2,561	15·2
Without contest.		
Compromised	2,215	13·2
Decreed on confession	2,863	17·1
Do. *ex parte*	2,787	16·6
Dismissed	173	1·0
With contest.		
By arbitration	69	0·4
Judgment for plaintiff	3,436	20·5
Do. defendant	1,923	11·4
Pending	712	4·2

It will be seen that more than 63 per cent. of the suits were disposed of, either without trial or without contest.

Average duration.

29. The average duration in the Courts of Sub-Judges was for contested suits 26·77 days, and for uncontested ones 18·29 days: in the Courts of Munsifs the average duration was 36·76 days for contested, and 16·39 days for uncontested suits, being very much lower than in 1883, when the duration was for contested suits 50·42 days in the Courts of Sub-Judges and 46·51 days in the Courts of Munsifs. In the Lucknow City Court the average duration was 11·38 days in contested and 14·11 days in uncontested suits, as against 10·95 and 12·02 days, respectively, in 1883. The average duration in the Lucknow Cantonment Court was 9·56 days for contested and 10·34 days for uncontested suits during the year under report as against 11·35 and 9·45 days, respectively, in 1883. In the Fyzabad Cantonment Court the duration for contested suits rose from 9·70 days in 1883 to 26·66 days in 1884, and for uncontested suits it was 7·43 days in 1884 as against 8·66 days in 1883.

IMPERIAL RETURN No. IX, PART 2. Miscellaneous cases.

30. The number of miscellaneous cases that came before Small Cause Courts rose from 736 in 1883 to 819 in 1884. Of these 819 cases, 169 (21·2 per cent.) were disposed of without trial, and 57 without contest; 568 cases (71·5 per cent.) were contested and resulted, 343 in favor of the plaintiffs and 225 in favor of the defendants. The percentages in 1883 were 19·8 and 68·2, respectively. At the close of the year under report, 25 cases remained pending as against 40 at the close of 1883.

IMPERIAL RETURN No. XI. Execution of decrees.

31. The statement given below shows the number of applications for execution of decree made to Small Cause Courts during 1883 and 1884:—

	1883.	1884.
Lucknow City Court	4,674	4,843
Do. Cantonment Court	181	220
Fyzabad do. do.	19	20
Sub-Judges and Munsifs	2,684	2,880
Total ...	7,558	7,963

As there were 346 cases pending at the commencement of the year, the total number of cases for disposal aggregated 8,309. The manner in which these cases were disposed of is shown below :—

	Cases.	Percentage to total number of cases. 1884.	1883.
By transfer	511	6·14	6·05
Satisfied in full	2,696	32·44	32·82
Ditto part	1,576	18·96	18·33
Wholly infructuous	3,201	38·52	37·81
Pending	325	3 91	4 96
In which debtor imprisoned	139	1·67	1 42
Do do. arrested	150	1 80	1 16
Do. movable property sold	426	5·15	6·22
Do. do. do. attached	714	8·59	11·00
Execution effected otherwise	2,625	31 99	31 98

The realisations with, and without, issue of process during the years 1883 and 1884 were :—

	1883. Rs.	1884. Rs.	Difference.
Amount realised with issue of process ...	89,351	97,341	+ 7,990
Do. do. without do. do ...	15,455	14,820	— 635

The results of execution of decrees during 1883 and 1884 were :—

	1883.	1884.	Percentage to total number. 1883.	1884.
Decree satisfied in full	2,696	2,696	32 82	32 44
Do. do. part	1,451	1,576	18·33	18 96
Wholly infructuous	2,993	3,201	37·81	38 52

Provincial Return No. XV. Witness statement.

32. Out of 3,221 witnesses examined in Small Cause Courts proper, 3,164 were dismissed on the same day that they appeared; 55 were discharged after two days' and two after three days' attendance.

RENT COURTS.

Imperial Return No. VII Suits instituted.

33. The number of suits filed under the Oudh Rent Act during the year under report aggregated 30,957 as against 31,023 in 1883.

As compared with the figures for 1883, seven districts show a decrease :—

	1883. Rs.	1884. Rs.	Decrease. Rs.
Rae Bareli	2,363	1,657	706
Unao	3,829	3,265	564
Hardoi	3,223	2,842	381
Lucknow	1,781	1,489	292
Partabgarh	3,119	2,846	273
Bahraich	1,898	1,819	79
Sitapur	877	824	53

and five districts show an increase :—

Sultanpur	3,781	4,259	478
Fyzabad	4,130	4,591	461
Gonda	3,801	4,243	442
Kheri	636	822	186
Bara Banki	2,185	2,300	115

The fluctuation in the number of each class of suits instituted during 1883 and 1884 is shown in the following statement :—

	1883.	1884	Difference.
Arrears of rent with or without ejectment, &c. ...	19,486	17,521	—1,965
Enhancement or abatement of rent	50	46	— 4
Relating to distraint	481	432	— 49
Damages for extortion, &c.	170	217	+ 47
For pattas or kabuliyats	27	13	— 14
For ejectment or recovery of possession	1,008	1,052	+ 44
For recovery of money or accounts from agents ...	89	97	+ 8
Other suits	10,812	11,579	+1,267

34. Ten districts show a fewer number of suits instituted for arrears of rent in 1884 than were instituted during 1883.

Suits for arrears of rent.

In Bara Banki the increase of such suits was 5, as compared with the figures for 1883. Partabgarh shows an increase of 353 suits instituted during the year under report, as compared with the number instituted during 1883.

The Commissioner of the Rae Bareli Division writes:—"The increase in suits for arrears of rent is, in my opinion, due to drought. An abnormal number of notices of ejectment was issued in 1882 and 1883, besides Rent Act Ruling No. XXXV of 1883 was in full operation in 1884, and instead of objecting under clause 8, section 83 of the Rent Act, many tenants instituted suits under clause 10 of the same section. This also accounts for the large increase in 'other suits' by under-proprietors and tenants."

35. The increase in the number of "other suits" instituted during the year under report, as compared with the figures for 1883, occurred in seven out of the twelve districts. The Deputy Commissioner, Kheri, writes:—"The increase is due to a return to notices of ejectment, which were temporarily suspended during the Tenant Right inquiry: 1,459 notices were issued as against 309 in the preceding year, and of those 277 were contested against 43." The Commissioner, Sitapur Division, writes:—The delay in disposing, once for all, with the tenant question, is much to be deprecated. We may expect landlords to resort freely to the eviction clauses in future."

Other suits.

36. Although the number of suits filed in the year under report was fewer than in 1883, the subject-matter rose from Rs. 9,96,524 in 1883 to Rs. 10,40,909, being an increase of Rs. 43,385. The percentage of suits valued at more than Rs. 50 was 12·9 of the total number instituted.

Imperial Return No. VIII. Value of suits.

37. The number of suits that came before the Courts for disposal during the year aggregated 33,027, being fewer by 505 than during 1883:—

Imperial Return No. IX, Part 1. Disposal of suits.

	1883.	1884.	Percentage to total number of suits. 1883.	1884.
Without trial.				
Rejected	321	421	0·95	1·21
Dismissed	3,518	3,265	10·49	9·88
Withdrawn	1,209	1,041	3·60	3·21
Without contest.				
Compromised	1,554	1,481	4·63	4·33
Decreed on confession	3,668	3,293	10·92	9·97
Ditto *ex parte*	5,453	5,326	16·26	16·12
Dismissed do.	946	969	2·82	2·93
By arbitration.				
For plaintiff	27	42	0·09	0·15
„ defendant...	6	10		
With contest.				
For plaintiff	10,676	10,673	31·83	32·31
„ defendant	5,064	5,592	15·10	16·93
Pending ...	1,095	944	3·26	2·85

38. There were 15,564 miscellaneous cases before the Courts in 1884, being 1,773 more than in 1883; and of these 15,564 cases, 1,579 or 10·14 per cent. were struck off without trial; 382 or 2·45 per cent. were compromised; 7,055 or 45·32 per cent. were decided without contest; 6,242 or 40·10 per cent. were decided with contest, 4,284 in favour of plaintiff and 1,954 in favour of defendant; and 5 were referred to arbitration. The corresponding percentages in 1883 were 13·16, 6·68, 35·72, and 42·19 respectively.

Imperial Return No. IX, Part 2. Miscellaneous cases.

39. The total number of appeals from decrees that came before the Courts for disposal during the year under report was 3,194, being 200 more than in 1883. They were disposed of thus :—

IMPERIAL RETURN No X. Appeals.

Summarily rejected	...	...	...	...	...	...	26
Dismissed ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	146
Heard ex parte.							
Confirmed ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	78
Reversed ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14
Modified or remanded	...	...	...		...	...	15
Contested							
Confirmed ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,445
Modified	...	...	...	...	...	...	225
Reversed ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	463
Remanded ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	280
		Pending	...	...	...	...	502

40. Commissioners disposed of 1,144 appeals and Deputy Commissioners disposed of 1,548. The Commissioner, Fyzabad, had the largest number of appeals on his file, viz., 674, and out of these he disposed of 362, so that 312 remained pending at the close of the year. Towards the close of the year the Commissioner was incapacitated for much work by ill-health: hence the heavy pending file. The average duration of appeals in Commissioners' Courts was 75·83 days as against 48 01 days in 1883. The Deputy Commissioner of Gonda disposed of 269 appeals, and the Deputy Commissioner of Unao disposed of 214 appeals. The smallest number of appeals disposed of in a Deputy Commissioner's Court was 42 in Kheri. The average duration in Deputy Commissioners' Courts fell from 35·82 days in 1883 to 26·84 days in 1884.

Four hundred and thirty-seven appeals were laid before the Judicial Commissioner and were disposed of as follows :—

One hundred and thirty-seven were rejected or dismissed, and one heard *ex parte* was remanded: 80 contested appeals were decided and the decrees of the Lower Court were confirmed in 39 cases, in 6 were modified, and 45 were reversed. At the close of the year 219 appeals remained pending. The average duration of the rent appeals decided was 148·6 days as against 128·9 days in 1883. On this date the average duration of such cases now pending in this Court is 30 days only.

41. During the year under report, 222 miscellaneous appeals were before the Courts of Commissioners and Deputy Commissioners, being 10 less than in 1883. Of these 222 appeals, 28 were rejected or dismissed and 7 were heard *ex parte* (the orders being confirmed in 6 cases and reversed in 1). Of those that were contested, the orders of the Court below were confirmed in 93 cases, were modified in 11, and were reversed in 44 11 cases were remanded. Twenty-eight cases remained pending at the close of the year. The average duration of decided cases was 38 89 days.

IMPERIAL RETURN No. X, PART 2. Miscellaneous appeals.

There were 39 similar appeals in the Judicial Commissioner's Court, In 14 cases the appeals were rejected, in 7 the order of the Court below were confirmed, in 1 the order was reversed, and 17 cases remained pending at the close of the year. The average duration of the decided cases was 127·1 days.

42. Applications for execution of decree for disposal before the Courts numbered 13,454, being 350 less than in 1883. The disposal of such applications during the two years is shown in the following comparative statement :—

IMPERIAL RETURN No. XI. Execution of decrees.

			Percentage to total number of applications.	
	1883.	1884	1883	1884.
By transfer	39	69	0·28	0·51
Satisfaction in full	6,413	*6,365	46·45	47·30
Ditto in part...	1,904	1,814	13 79	13 47
Wholly infructuous	4,133	4,064	29 94	30;20
Pending	1,315	1,142	9 53	8·48
In which debtor imprisoned	178	186	1 28	1·38

In which debtor arrested	162	151	1·17	1·12
Ditto movable property sold ...	1,458	1,604	10 56	11 85
Ditto attached	2,930	3,194	21 22	23·74
Ditto immovable property sold ...	384	315	2 78	2 32
Ditto ditto dealt with under sec 303, &c, Act XIV of 1882 ...	44	10	0·31	0·07
In which immovable property attached ...	435	442	3 15	3 21
Ditto possession given of movables ...	10	18	0 07	0·13
Ditto ditto immovables ...	182	221	0 95	1 64
Ditto contract was enforced ...	18	60	0 09	0 44
Ditto execution otherwise effected ...	2,472	2 128	17 95	15·77
Amount realised. With issue of process	Rs 2,26 342	2,50,367	...	...
Amount realised. Without issue of process	„ 28,557	27,945	...	...

In seven districts, 50 per cent. and upwards of the decrees executed were satisfied in full, *viz*, in Hardoi, 62 per cent.; Partabgarh, 58 per cent; Sultanpur, 57 per cent.; Kheri, 55 per cent; Gonda, 54 per cent.; Rae Bareli, 53 per cent., and Unao, 50 per cent.

43. Of the 16,358 witnesses examined during the year under report 16,072, or rather more than 98 per. cent., were discharged on the day they appeared; 224 were detained two days, and 61 were detained for periods ranging from 3 to 6 days.

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. XV. Witnesses examined.

44. A greater number of processes were served during the year under report than during 1883, *viz.*, 286,070 as against 270,942.

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. XVI. Process Fee Fund.

The receipts amounted to Rs. 79,457, and the expenditure was Rs. 51,805, leaving a surplus of Rs. 27,052. The figures for 1883 were:—Receipts Rs. 72,674, expenditure Rs. 48,874, surplus Rs. 23,800.

46. The receipts of the Sale Commission Fund were Rs. 2,886, and the expenditure amounted to Rs. 1,210, leaving a balance of Rs. 1,025. In 1883, the receipts amounted to Rs. 3,030, and the surplus was Rs. 1,864.

PROVINCIAL RETURN No XVIII. Sale Commission Fund.

JUDICIAL COMMISSIONER'S COURT.

45. Besides the appeal work and applications for revision, 47 miscellaneous applications and 10 references for rulings were disposed of.

Revision and reference

47. Eleven applications for leave to appeal to Her Majesty's Privy Council, and eleven applications from pleaders for enrolment or promotion were also dealt with.

Miscellaneous.

48. The figures for the North-Western Provinces having come out while this report was under preparation, the Registrar has drafted the subjoined comparative statement, which will, I believe, be found useful and interesting. I regret that the submission of the report should have been so long delayed. The delay has been unavoidable.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

W. DUTHOIT,

Judicial Commissioner, Oudh.

Comparison of figures given in N.-W. Provinces and Oudh Civil Reports, 1884 :—

		N.-W. Provinces, 37 districts.	*Oudh, 12 districts.*
		N.-W. P.	*Oudh.*
Imperial Statements VII and VIII.	No. of civil suits instituted	86,083	51,995
	Average number per district	2,326	4,333
	Value of do.	Rs. 3,27,64,424	66,74,075
	Average value per suit	„ 382	128
Imperial Statement IX, Part 1.	No. of suits disposed of	87,984	53,985
	Percentages to number disposed of—		
	Without trial	13·4	21·5
	„ contest	53·5	39·5
	By arbitration	1·8	0·0
	With contest	31·7	37·9
	Pending	7,993	5,076
	Percentage	9·1	5·4
	Average duration. Contested	60 days	58 days.
	Average duration. Uncontested	25 „	27 „
Imperial Statement IX, Part 2.	No. of miscellaneous cases disposed of	16,489	7,039
	Percentages to number disposed of—		
	Without trial	14·4	22·2
	„ contest	37·1	14·7
	By arbitration	0·2	0·1
	With contest	48·1	62·8
	Pending	2,184	590
	Percentage	11·8	8·3
	Average duration. Contested	41 days	32 days.
	Average duration. Uncontested	35 „	24 „
Imperial Statement X, Part 1.	No. of appeals disposed of	9,963	3,842
	Percentages to number disposed of—		
	Rejected	0·1	2·0
	Dismissed	1·8	3·6
	Ex parte—		
	Confirmed	0·3	0·5
	Modified	0·3	0·1
	Reversed	0·4	0·2
	Remanded	0·2	0·2
	Contested—		
	Confirmed	59·1	61·9
	Modified	12·8	7·8
	Reversed	17·8	16·8
	Remanded	6·2	6·5
	Pending	3,353	828
	Percentage	33·6	21·5
	Average duration	101 days	50 days.
	High Court.		
Imperial Statement X, Part 1.	No. of appeals disposed of	1,472	29*
	Percentages to number disposed of—		
	Rejected	5·1	37·0
	Dismissed	2·8	4·0
	Heard *ex parte*	2·1	0 3
	Contested—		
	Confirmed	56·9	30·6
	Modified	4·1	6·7
	Reversed	13·3	19·5
	Remanded	5·4	1·6
	Pending	1,914	519
	Percentage	130*	174*
	Average duration	257 days	256 days.
Imperial Statement X, Part 2.	No. of miscellaneous appeals disposed of	213	305
	Percentages to number disposed of—		
	Rejected or dismissed	3·2	69·1
	Heard *ex parte*	0 5	0·9
	Contested—		
	Confirmed	57·7	26·3

Modified	3·2	4·2
Reversed	24·4	7·8
Remanded	4·5	1·3
Pending	177	165
Percentage	83·	54·
Average duration ...	134 days.	82 days.
IMPERIAL STATEMENT X, PART 2. No. of miscellaneous appeals disposed of	579	694
Percentages to number disposed of—		
Rejected or dismissed	7·2	9·7
Heard *ex parte*	5·0	3·5
Contested—		
Confirmed	52·6	44·8
Modified	5·0	1·5
Reversed	23·4	22·6
Remanded	6·5	17·0
Pending	2·5	2·6
Percentage	4·2	13·4
Average duration ...	116 days	56 days.
IMPERIAL STATEMENT XI. No. of applications for execution of decree disposed of	94,646	28,692
Percentages to number disposed of—		
By transfer	7·0	3·4
Satisfaction in full	19·2	40·3
,, part	15·4	17·7
Wholly infructuous	58·1	38·4
Pending	12,286	3,657
Percentage	12·9	12·7
Pending more than 3 months... ...	4,869	921
Percentage	5·1	3·2
Amount realised. { With process ...	Rs. 29,31,279	8,88,041
Amount realised. { Without process ...	... ,, 2,45,133	96,242
Percentages to number disposed of—		
Judgment-debtor imprisoned ...	0·9	1·0
,, arrested ...	3·2	1·1
Movable property sold ...	1·6	7·6
,, attached ...	2·4	16·0
Immovable property sold ...	4·4	2·2
,, dealt with under Act XIV of 1882, section 295, &c.	0·5	0·09
Immovable property attached ...	3·1	3·3
Possession given of movables ...	0·05	0·1
,, ,, immovables ...	3·4	6·5
Contract enforced	0·03	0·2
Partition effected	0·05	0·03
Execution effected otherwise ...	0·1	23·2

APPENDICES.

IMPERIAL RETURN No. VII.—(Civil and Rent).

Statement showing the number and description of Civil and Rent Suits instituted in the Courts of the Province of Oudh during the year 1884.

Class of Tribunal.	Suits for money or moveable property.										Suits under the Rent Law.							
	Contract in writing.	Contract not in writing.	On account stated.	Money had and received.	Goods sold.	Wages, work and materials.	Breach of contract not mentioned above.	Rent not falling under the Rent Law.	Moveable property or value thereof.	Damages.	Arrears of rent with or without ejectment or cancelment of lease.	Enhancement or abatement of rent.	Relating to distraint.	Damages for extortion or withholding receipt, or on account of illegal restraint or other causes.	For pattas or kabuliats.	For ejectment or recovery of possession.	For recovery of money or accounts from agents.	All other suits under the Rent Law not included in above.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Civil Courts.																		
Unpaid tribunals	870	1,034	434	97	284	56	232	28	426	151	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Paid Sub-divisional tribunals ...	10,163	4,989	2,002	669	1,398	469	692	204	2,746	1,582	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Small Cause Courts	4,415	2,672	2,452	553	2,292	519	574	461	1,207	658	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
District Courts	13	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	6	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	15,461	8,695	4,888	1,320	3,974	1,044	1,499	693	4,385	2,392	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Revenue (Rent) Courts.																		
Unpaid Local tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	198	...	...	...	...	...	5	28
Other Subordinate Courts... ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17,230	46	432	216	13	1,050	89	11,056
District Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	93	...	...	1	...	2	3	560
Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17,521	46	432	217	13	1,052	97	11,579
Courts at the seat of Government.																		
Presidency Small Cause Courts ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Superior Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Grand Total ...	15,461	8,695	4,888	1,320	3,974	1,044	1,499	693	4,385	2,392	17,521	46	432	217	13	1,052	97	11,579

IMPERIAL RETURN No. VII.—(CIVIL AND RENT)—(*concluded*).

Statement showing the number and description of Civil and Rent Suits instituted in the Courts of the Province of Oudh during the year 1884.

Class of Tribunal.	Title and other suits.																	
	Suits for immovable property.	Suits for declaratory decrees.	Other suits under the Specific Relief Act.	Suits to declare and establish rights to real property, including pre-emption, foreclosure, &c	Suits to declare and establish personal rights.	Suits for an account.	Suits relating to religious endowments.	Suits to set aside judgments, contracts or obligation on the ground of fraud.	Suits for dissolution of marriage.	Suits for enforcement of matrimonial rights.	Suits for partition.	Suits relating to shipping.	Suits relating to religion and caste.	Administration suits.	Interpleador suits.	Dissolution of partnership.	Suits under section 261, Act X. of 1865, (also Hindu Wills' Act,)	Other suits not falling under any of the previous heads.	Grand Total.
1	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38
Civil Courts.																			
Unpaid tribunals	38	4	3	9	2	1	...	...	...	24	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	67	3,767
Paid Sub-divisional tribunals ...	5,105	215	125	928	100	43	2	119	25	294	45	...	6	...	...	...	1	428	33,345
Small Cause Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15,203
District Courts	32	8	...	4	4	2	1	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	2	80
Total ...	5,175	227	128	941	106	46	3	123	25	318	52	...	6	..	...	1	1	492	51,995
Revenue (Rent) Courts.																			
Unpaid Local tribunals ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	326
Other Subordinate Courts ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30,132
District Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	499
Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	30,957
Courts at the seat of Government.																			
Presidency Small Cause Courts ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Superior Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
GRAND TOTAL ...	5,175	227	128	941	106	46	3	123	25	318	52	...	6	...	...	1	1	492	82,952

IMPERIAL RETURN No. VIII.—(Civil and Rent.)

Statement showing number and value of suits instituted in the Civil and Rent Courts in the Province of Oudh during the year 1884.

Class of Court.	Number of suits instituted in the different Courts.									Total value of suits.	Remarks.
	Not exceeding Rs. 10.	Not exceeding Rs. 50.	Not exceeding Rs. 100.	Not exceeding Rs. 500.	Not exceeding Rs. 1,000.	Not exceeding Rs. 5,000.	Not exceeding Rs. 10,000.	Exceeding Rs. 10,000.	Number of suits, the value of which cannot be estimated in money.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
										Rs. a. p.	
Civil Courts.											
Unpaid tribunals	1,437	1,875	354	75	...	...	...	...	26	91,792 3 6	
Paid Sub-divisional tribunals	8,584	13,996	4,116	3,569	658	499	67	...	486	33,84,767 12 8	
Small Cause Courts	6,596	7,210	1,073	924	...	...	...	...	...	4,96,004 11 8	
District Courts	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	67	10	27,01,510 8 7	
Total	16,617	23,052	5,943	4,569	658	500	67	67	522	66,74,075 4 5	
Revenue (Rent) Courts.											
Unpaid Local tribunals	71	116	33	6	...	...	...	...	...	6,665 4 4	
Other Subordinate Courts	13,793	12,411	2,235	1,304	145	72	...	...	22	9,75,562 12 11	
District Courts	323	222	36	20	...	...	8	...	...	58,660 15 1	
Total	14,187	12,749	2,444	1,330	145	72	8	...	22	10,40,989 0 4	
Courts at the seat of Government.											
Presidency Small Cause Court	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Superior Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Grand Total	30,804	35,801	8,387	5,899	803	572	75	67	544	77,16,984 4 9	

IMPERIAL RETURN No. IX.—(CIVIL AND RENT).

Statement showing the general result of the trial of Civil and Revenue (Rent) cases in the Courts of original jurisdiction in the Province of Oudh during the year 1884.

PART I.—CIVIL AND RENT SUITS.

Class of Court.	Total number of suits before the Courts.	Number of suits disposed of										Pending at the close of the year.	Number of cases pending more than three months at the close of year.	Average duration of suits.		Remarks.
		Transferred to Courts in other Provinces.	Without trial.	Without contest.				On reference to arbitration.		With contest.				Contested.	Uncontested.	
				Compromised.	Decreed on confession.	Decreed *ex parte*.	Dismissed *ex parte*.	For plaintiff.	For defendant.	Judgment for plaintiff in whole or in part.	Judgment for defendant.					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
I.—Civil Courts.																
Unpaid tribunals	4,143	...	1,113	473	811	400	48	34	9	706	339	210	10	50·17	96·10	
Paid Sub-divisional tribunals...	31,137	...	6,913	3,023	2,828	2,869	803	232	90	6,788	4,346	3,225	735	67·44	31·99	
Small Cause Courts	16,739	...	2,561	2,215	2,863	2,787	173	44	25	3,436	1,923	712	9	26·61	15·25	
District Courts other than Chief Courts of districts...	6,920	...	1,021	805	660	482	88	45	18	1,896	1,011	894	245	70·64	32·18	
Chief Courts of districts	122	...	7	2	4	2	...	3	...	46	23	35	12	187·23	88 53	
Total	59,061	...	11,615	6,518	7,166	6,560	1,112	358	142	12,872	7,642	5,076	1,011	58·47	27 25	
II.—Revenue (Rent) Courts.																
Unpaid Local tribunals	238	...	28	7	46	31	1	...	...	83	25	17	1	38·87	22·34	
Paid Sub-divisional tribunals	10,594	...	1,666	591	1,988	2,217	190	15	5	2,796	892	234	...	25·13	18·41	
Other Subordinate Courts	21,568	...	2,976	831	1,350	3,032	761	27	5	7,498	4,497	691	40	31·18	26·82	
District Courts	627	...	77	2	9	46	17	...	...	296	173	2	...	45·84	27·92	
Total	33,027	...	4,747	1,431	3,393	5,326	969	42	10	10,673	5,592	944	41	30·28	24·37	
Superior Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
GRAND TOTAL	92,088	...	16,362	7,949	10,459	11,886	2,081	400	152	23,545	13,234	6,020	1,052	46·18	26·29	

IMPERIAL RETURN No. IX.—(Civil and Rent).

Statement showing the general result of the trial of Civil and Revenue (Rent) cases in the Courts of Original Jurisdiction in the Province of Oudh during the year 1884.

PART II.—Miscellaneous Cases.

Class of Court	Total number of cases before the Courts.	Number of cases disposed of										Pending at the close of the year	Number of cases pending more than three months at the end of the year.	Average duration of cases.		Remarks.
		Transferred to Courts in other Provinces.	Without contest.					On reference to arbitration		With contest.				Contested.	Uncontested.	
			Without trial.	Compromised.	Decreed on confession.	Decreed ex parte.	Dismissed ex parte	For plaintiff.	For defendant.	Judgment for plaintiff in whole or part.	Judgment for defendant.					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
I.—Civil Courts.																
Unpaid tribunals	324	...	91	12	10	6	6	2	...	106	61	30	6	24·95	32·40	
Paid Sub-divisional tribunals	4,010	...	869	104	207	185	105	6	1	1,372	843	318	16	11·20	23·58	
Small Cause Courts	819	...	169	33	7	13	4	...	...	343	225	25	...	14·00	9·97	
District Courts other than Chief Courts of districts	1,696	...	281	61	23	83	45	...	...	713	358	132	3	29·78	21·37	
Chief Courts of districts...	780	...	157	6	1	122	7	...	...	242	160	85	14	48·56	37·80	
Total	7,629	...	1,567	216	248	409	167	8	1	2,776	1,647	590	39	31·94	24·07	
II.—Revenue (Rent) Courts.																
Unpaid Local tribunals	8	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	4	2	...	...	26·16	32·50	
Paid Sub-divisional tribunals	8,689	...	344	202	231	5,771	116	4	...	1,781	155	85	...	17·46	19·44	
Other Subordinate Courts	6,758	...	1,199	180	254	525	130	1	...	2,455	1,785	219	12	29·02	30·76	
District Courts	109	...	35	...	15	1	1	..	...	44	12	1	...	34·33	8·00	
Total	15,564	...	1,579	382	510	6,297	248	5	...	4,284	1 954	305	12	25·66	20 32	
Grand Total	23,193	...	3,146	598	758	6,706	415	13	1	7,060	3,601	895	51	28·26	21·17	

IMPERIAL RETURN No. X—(CIVIL AND RENT)

Statement showing the business of the Civil and Revenue (Rent) Appellate Courts of the Province of Oudh in the year 1884.

PART I.—APPEALS FROM DECREES.

Class of Court	Total number of appeals before the courts	Transferred to courts in other provinces	Appeals summarily rejected	Dismissed for default or otherwise not prosecuted	*Heard ex parte.* Confirmed.	*Heard ex parte.* Modified	*Heard ex parte.* Reversed	*Heard ex parte.* Remanded	*Contested.* Confirmed	*Contested.* Modified	*Contested.* Reversed	*Contested.* Remanded	Pending	Of these pending more than three months	Average duration of appeals	Objections under section 561 Act XIV. of 1882	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
COURTS IN THE INFERIOR																	
APPEALS FROM ORIGINAL DECREES																	
A—Civil Courts																	
Chief Appellate Courts other than Chief Courts of districts	857		7	27	14	3	3	1	461	55	97	79	110	3	45 57	2	
Chief Appellate Courts of districts	3,813	...	71	112	7	2	7	7	1,919	247	550	173	718	207	69 61	78	
Superior Appellate Courts other than Chief Court of province,	..	...	...	.	...	..		.	..	...	...	.		...	...	..	
Total ...	4 670	..	78	139	21	5	10	8	2,380	302	647	252	828	210	50 03	80	
B—Revenue (Rent) Courts																	
Collectors' Appellate Courts	1,667	...	184	68	29	4	7	6	818	184	233	181	119	2	26 84	5	
Commissioners' Appellate Courts	1,527	...	8	78	49	1	7	4	627	41	230	99	383	296	73 83	1	
Total ...	3,194	..	26	146	78	5	14	10	1,445	225	463	280	502	298	46 81	6	
Courts at the Presidency or seat of Government																	
Chief Court of Province — Appeals from original decrees ... Civil ...	147	..	7	9	..	...	...	...	24	6	5	2	94	74	361 4	1	
Chief Court of Province — Appeals from original decrees ... Rent .	...	...		...	...	...	...	...	.	..		..	..	.	..	...	
Chief Court of Province — Appeals from appellate decrees ... Civil ...	669	...	103	3	...	...	.	1	67	14	53	3	425	358	238 2	2	
Chief Court of Province — Appeals from appellate decrees ... Rent .	437	..	135	2	...		...	1	29	6	45	.	219	167	148 6	.	
Total ...	1,253	...	245	14	.	...	.	2	120	26	103	5	738	596	210 00	3	
GRAND TOTAL ...	9,117	...	349	299	99	10	24	20	3,945	553	1,213	537	2,068	1,104	68 69	89	

IMPERIAL RETURN No. X.—(Civil and Rent).

Statement showing the business of the Civil and Revenue (Rent) Appellate Courts of the Province of Cudh in the year 1884.

PART II.—Miscellaneous.

Class of Court	Total number of appeals before the Courts	Transferred to Courts in other Provinces.	Appeals summarily rejected.	Dismissed for default or otherwise not prosecuted	*Heard* ex parte.				*Contested.*					Of those pending more than three months.	Average duration of appeals.	Objections under section 561, Act XIV., 1882	Remarks.
					Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded.	Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded.	Pending.				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																	
Appeals from original decrees																	
A.—Civil Courts.																	
Chief Appellate Courts other than Chief Courts of districts ...	30	..	3	1	1	...	...	...	10	...	7	5	3	...	45·66	...	
Chief Appellate Courts of districts	190	...	6	7	5	...	...	1	77	3	35	28	23	1	60 ·7	...	
Superior Appellate Courts other than Chief Court of Province.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	..	
Total ...	220	...	11	8	6	...	...	1	87	3	45	33	26	1	58·06	...	
B — Revenue (Rent) Courts.																	
Collectors' Appellate Courts	1 2	...	13	7	3	...	1	...	45	1	22	5	5	...	23 93	...	
Commissioners' Appellate Courts	120	...	3	5	3	...	...	...	48	10	22	6	23	5	53·89	...	
Total ...	222	...	16	12	6	...	1	...	93	11	44	11	28	5	38·89	...	
Courts at the Presidency or seat of Government.																	
Chief Court of Province ... — Appeals from original decrees — Civil ...	77	...	16	2	...	...	...	...	18	5	6	...	30	24	112·5	...	
Chief Court of Province ... — Appeals from original decrees — Rent ...	3	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	8·	...	
Chief Court of Province ... — Appeals from appellate decrees — Civil ...	34	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	10	2	4	...	13	9	169 2	...	
Chief Court of Province ... — Appeals from appellate decrees — Rent ...	36	...	13	...	...	...	...	...	7	...	1	...	15	13	127 1	...	
Applications for revision under section 622, Act XIV. of 1882,	359	...	187	1	1	1	1	...	22	6	14	4	122	96	68 7	...	
Total ...	509	...	222	3	1	1	1	...	57	13	25	4	182	144	42·76	...	
Grand Total ...	951	...	249	23	13	1	2	1	237	27	114	48	236	150	45 75	...	

IMPERIAL RETURN No. XI.—(Civil and Rent).

Statement showing the result of proceedings on applications for the execution of the decrees of the Civil and Revenue (Rent) Courts in the Province of Oudh, during the year 1884.

Class of Court.	Total number of applications for the execution of decree before the courts.	Applications disposed of: By transfer.	Satisfaction obtained in full.	Satisfaction obtained in part.	Wholly infructuous	Pending at the end of the year.	Number of applications pending more than three months at the close of the year.	Amount realized: With the issue of process.	Without the issue of process.	Number of applications: On which the judgment-debtor was imprisoned.	On which he was arrested but released without imprisonment.	On which moveable property: Was sold.	On which moveable property: Was attached, but subsequently released.	On which immoveable property: Was sold.	On which immoveable property: Was dealt with under Sections 305, 822, or 326, Act XIV. of 1882.	On which immoveable property: Was attached, but subsequently released under section 275.	On which possession was given: Of moveables.	On which possession was given: Of immoveables.	On which specific performance was enforced.	On which partition was effected.	On which execution was effected otherwise than in the preceding columns.	Remarks.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
								Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.													
Courts in the Interior.																						
I.—Civil Courts																						
Unpaid tribunals	1,220	33	518	194	348	127	28	13,555 7 4	916 8 0	5	18	132	415	11	...	27	...	3	3	...	106	
Paid Sub-divisional tribunals ...	16,398	293	6,179	2,279	5,495	2,152	467	2,13,670 8 8	10,939 6 10	107	119	1,308	2,470	409	5	575	18	1,426	53	9	2,587	
Small Cause Courts ...	8,309	511	2,696	1,576	3,201	325	35	97,340 12 2	14,819 15 10	139	150	428	714	31	...	6	1	...	...	...	2,787	
District Courts	5,949	170	2,082	877	1,846	974	323	3,57,780 10 0	69,456 7 4	63	55	416	891	192	21	345	13	559	11	2	1,083	
Chief Courts of Districts ...	473	11	99	154	130	79	48	2,05,694 1 2	110 2 3	...	...	7	111	7	1	6	2	20	...	...	110	
Total ...	32,349	1,018	11,574	5,080	11,020	3,657	921	8,88,041 8 4	96,242 8 3	314	342	2,191	4,601	650	27	959	34	2,008	67	11	6,673	
II.—Revenue (Rent) Courts.																						
Unpaid local tribunals ...	78	...	29	10	23	16	4	935 7 9	...	1	...	11	19	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	
Other Sub-Courts	5,102	26	2,744	589	1,465	278	40	44,058 0 1	2,465 1 9	59	71	515	1,384	118	...	120	...	11	43	...	1,004	
District Courts	8,201	43	3,548	1,209	2,556	845	214	2,02,177 15 0	25,265 10 2	125	75	1,074	1,780	191	10	303	18	209	17	...	1,095	
Chief Courts of Districts ...	73	...	44	6	20	3	...	2,195 13 6	214 12 0	1	5	4	11	3	...	9	...	1	...	...	16	
Total ...	13,454	69	6,365	1,814	4,064	1,142	258	2,50,367 4 4	27,945 7 11	186	151	1,604	3,194	313	10	432	18	221	69	...	2,123	
Grand Total ...	45,803	1,087	17,939	6,894	15,084	4,799	1,179	11,38,408 12 8	1,24,188 0 2	500	493	3,795	7,795	963	37	1,391	52	2,229	127	11	8,796	

IMPERIAL RETURN No. XII.—(CIVIL).

Proceedings in insolvency under chapter XX, Act XIV of 1882, in the districts of the Province of Oudh, during the year 1884, showing the number and result of applications under section 344, and the number of insolvents before the Courts.

Class of Courts.	Application for a declaration of insolvency.								Number of insolvents discharged during the year under section 355.	Number of insolvents' estates in hands of receivers in which proceedings were finally closed during the year.	Amount of creditors' claims dealt with during the year		Gross amount of insolvents' assets realized and disbursed.		Remarks.
	Total number of applications.	Transferred to another province.	Granted.		Rejected.			Pending at the close of the year.			Admitted.	Satisfied.	Realized during the year.	Disbursed during the year.	
			A receiver being appointed.	A receiver not being appointed.	Penal proceedings under section 359 not being taken	Sentence of imprisonment being passed under section 359.	Applicant being sent to the Magistrate to be dealt with.								
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
											Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs a. p.	Rs. a. p.	
Chief Courts of Districts ...	48	...	4	7	27	...	...	10	3	5	10,484 5 3	1,596 10 0	1,339 9 9	1,382 10 2	

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. VII.—(Civil).

Showing the number and description of Civil Suits instituted in the District Courts of the Province of Oudh during the year 1884.

Districts.	Suits for money or movable property.										Title and other Suits.																					
	Contract in writing.	Contract not in writing.	On account stated.	Money had and received.	Goods sold.	Wages, work and materials.	Breach of contract not mentioned above.	Rent not falling under the Rent Law.	Moveable property or value thereof.	Damages.	Immoveable property.	Declaratory decrees.	Other suits under the Specific Relief Act.	To declare and establish right to real property including pre-emption, foreclosure, &c.	To declare and establish personal rights.	For an account.	Religious endowment.	To set aside judgments, contracts or obligations on the ground of fraud.	Dissolution of marriage.	Enforcement of matrimonial rights.	Partition.	Shipping.	Religion and caste.	Administration.	Inter-pleader.	Dissolution of partnership	Under section 261, Act X. of 1865, (also Hindu Wills Act).	Other suits not falling under any of the previous heads.	Total.
Provincial 1.	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Imperial 1.	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38
Ordinary Civil Courts.																													
Lucknow	1,918	828	311	152	151	82	80	49	523	353	1,206	44	40	246	14	16	2	21	8	85	7	5	...	...	...	...	116	6,237
Sitapur	3,196	2,284	657	205	468	198	172	97	1,231	332	608	55	14	87	12	9	...	12	1	66	16	...	...	...	...	...	188	9,907
Fyzabad	2,675	1,999	759	273	921	189	568	54	767	592	1,830	64	55	444	66	19	1	69	16	125	19	...	1	...	1	1	57	11,545
Rae Bareli	3,258	912	709	157	142	56	105	32	657	457	1,531	64	19	164	16	2	...	21	...	42	10	...	...	...	...	...	151	8,508
Total ...	11,046	6,023	2,436	767	1,682	525	925	232	3,178	1,734	5,175	227	128	941	106	46	3	123	25	318	52	...	6	...	1	1	492	36,192
Small Cause Courts.																													
Lucknow	933	749	297	169	85	70	39	24	373	174	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,913
Sitapur	407	373	101	28	30	23	44	19	206	27	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,258
Fyzabad	1,298	950	458	180	664	78	415	85	338	320	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4,786
Rae Bareli	315	132	156	51	...	28	13	4	174	68	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	941
Lucknow City	1,363	430	1,330	112	1,390	271	63	312	119	67	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5,450
Ditto Cantonment ...	91	35	103	9	94	37	...	17	4	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	390
Fyzabad ditto	9	3	7	4	29	12	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	65
Total ...	4,415	2,672	2,452	553	2,292	519	514	461	1,207	658	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15,803
Grand Total ...	15,461	8,695	4,888	1,320	3,974	1,044	1,499	693	4,385	2,392	5,175	227	128	94	106	46	3	123	25	318	52	...	6	...	1	1	492	51,995

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. VII.—(RENT).

Showing the number and description of Rent Suits instituted in the Courts of the Districts of the Province of Oudh during the year 1884.

Districts.	Suits under the Rent Law.								
	Arrears of rent with or without ejectment or cancelment of lease.	Enhancement or abatement of rent.	Relating to distraint.	Damages for extortion or withholding receipts or on account of illegal distraint or other cause.	For pattas or kabuliats.	For ejectment or recovery of possession.	For recovery of money or account from agents.	All other suits under the Rent Law not included above.	Total.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Lucknow	907	9	2	7	7	16	...	541	1,489
Unao	1,667	6	4	21	...	292	3	1,272	3,265
Bara Banki	1,331	4	10	13	1	73	7	852	2,300
Sitapur	591	3	...	12	1	83	2	139	824
Hardoi	1,407	...	50	10	...	30	1	1,344	2,842
Kheri	436	...	13	23	...	10	6	334	822
Fyzabad	2,359	...	69	19	1	152	58	1,933	4,591
Bahraich	1,452	..	11	11	...	37	1	307	1,819
Gonda	2,375	21	2	23	2	96	...	1,724	4,243
Rae Bareli	1,205	...	...	9	...	88	11	344	1,657
Sultanpur	2,007	3	187	19	1	74	7	1,961	4,259
Partabgarh	1,784	...	75	50	...	101	1	835	2,846
Total ...	17,521	46	432	217	13	1,052	97	11,579	30,957

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. VIII.—(CIVIL).

Showing number and value of suits instituted in the Civil Courts of the Province of Oudh during the year 1884.

Districts.	Number of suits instituted in the different Courts.										Remarks.
	Not exceeding Rs. 10.	Not exceeding Rs 50.	Not exceeding Rs. 100.	Not exceeding Rs 500.	Not exceeding Rs. 1,000.	Not exceeding Rs. 5,000.	Not exceeding Rs. 10,000.	Exceeding Rs 10,000.	Number of suits, the value of which cannot be estimated in money.	Total value of suits.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
										Rs. a p.	
ORDINARY CIVIL COURTS.											
Lucknow ...	1,101	2,280	1,123	962	237	204	28	27	185	24,95,971 5 10	
Sitapur	3,038	4,390	1,359	767	129	100	5	14	102	9,72,785 15 0	
Fyzabad	3,681	5,273	1,225	915	160	107	21	11	154	15,86,018 12 4	
Rae Bareli	2,111	3,899	1,163	1,003	132	89	10	15	81	11,43,296 9 7	
Total ...	10,021	15,842	4,870	3,645	658	500	67	67	522	61,78,068 10 9	
SMALL CAUSE COURTS.											
Lucknow	1,079	1,739	64	32	...	...	...	...	...	58,822 10 4	
Sitapur	287	662	152	157	...	...	...	...	...	58,467 6 0	
Fyzabad	2,075	2,225	303	183	...	...	...	...	...	1,42,425 6 5	
Rae Bareli	371	444	85	41	...	...	...	...	...	26,640 3 0	
Lucknow City	2,646	1,968	460	486	...	...	...	...	...	1,98,534 5 9	
,, Cantonments ...	208	144	18	20	...	...	...	...	...	9,305 2 2	
Fyzabad Cantonments ...	31	28	1	5	...	...	...	...	...	1,806 8 0	
Total ...	6,596	7,210	1,073	924	...	...	...	...	...	4,96,004 9 8	
GRAND TOTAL ...	16,617	23,052	5,943	4,569	658	500	67	67	522	66,74,075 4 5	

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. VIII.—(RENT).

Showing number and value of Suits instituted in the Rent Courts in the Province of Oudh, during the year 1884.

Districts.	Number of suits instituted in the different Courts.										Remarks.
	Not exceeding Rs. 10	Not exceeding Rs. 50.	Not exceeding Rs. 100.	Not exceeding Rs. 500.	Not exceeding Rs. 1,000.	Not exceeding Rs. 5,000.	Not exceeding Rs. 10,000.	Exceeding Rs. 10,000.	Number of suits, the value of which cannot be estimated in money.	Total value of suits.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
										Rs. a p	
Lucknow ...	648	674	115	45	4	3	..	...	...	32,148 0 0	
Unao ...	1,476	1,346	295	135	9	3	1	...	...	96,278 15 2	
Bara Banki ...	979	985	166	147	11	11	1	...	...	98,128 0 0	
Sitapur ...	361	373	65	68	13	8	...	...	1	49,346 8 0	
Hardoi ...	1,315	1,148	377	91	8	3	...	...	...	70,263 15 4	
Kheri ...	378	334	51	47	6	4	...	...	2	33,889 2 9	
Fyzabad ...	2,311	1,8[illegible]	389	92	14	7	...	...	18	96,493 5 11	
Bahraich ...	879	686	99	124	24	6	1	...	...	81,612 13 6	
Gonda ...	1,946	1,744	323	196	25	7	1	...	1	1,39,140 10 10	
Rae Bareli ...	592	787	166	97	8	5	2	...	...	1,02,672 3 4	
Sultanpur ...	2,192	1,857	306	179	12	11	2	...	...	1,50,263 11 1	
Partabgarh ...	1,170	1,298	249	114	11	4	...	...	...	90,671 4 5	
Total ...	14,187	12,749	2,444	1,330	145	72	9	...	22	19,40,909 0 4	

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. IX 1—(Civil).

Showing the general result of the trial of Civil Suits in the Courts of Original Jurisdiction of the Province of Oudh during the year 1884.

Part I.—Civil Suits.

Districts.	Number of suits before the Courts.							Number of suits disposed of—												Pending at close of 1884.	Average duration of cases in days.				Number of cases under Rs. 100 in value in which pleader's fees were awarded	Value of smallest suit in which so awarded.	Highest number of adjournments in any decided case.	Average number of adjournments.	Pending more than three months.	Date of oldest pending case in each court.
								Transferred to other Courts.	Without trial.			Without contest.				On reference to arbitration.		With contest.				Uncontested (columns 10 to 16)		Contested (columns 17 to 20).						
	Pending from last year.	Instituted in 1884.	Received by transfer from other Courts.	Remanded under section 562, Act XIV of 1882.	Reviews under section 626.	Revived under sections 99, 103, 108, or 371.	Total for disposal.		Plaints rejected or returned.	Dismissed for default or want of prosecution.	Withdrawn with leave.	Compromised.	Decreed on confession.	Decreed ex parte.	Dismissed ex-parte.	For Plaintiff.	For Defendant.	Judgment for plaintiff in whole or part.	Judgment for defendant.	Total disposal of omitting transfers (columns 10 to 20).		Total number of days.	Average.	Total number of days.	Average.					
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32
Provincial 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32
Imperial 1	...	...	...	...	..	...	2	3		4		5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	..	13	...	15	...	16	...	...		...	14	17
																											R. a.				
Lucknow ...	916	9,151	...	51	24	136	10,278	...	337	1,491	142	1,235	1,169	891	138	80	32	2,562	1,263	9,440	838	126,813	23·38	228,626	56·91	19	25 0	15	1·02	289	26th June, '82
Judge Small Cause Court, City Lucknow.	119	5,449	...	...	26	...	5,594	...	27	304	18	380	1,426	1,617	4	3	...	1,188	449	5,405	189	48,331	12·79	16,517	11·35	49	5 0	6	·10	1	25th Sep, '84
Judge, Small Cause Court, Cantonment, Lucknow.	2	390	...	...	1	2	395	...	2	25	...	48	113	91	2	2	1	83	28	394	1	2,606	9·27	1,052	9·30	4	32 0	...	0·16	...	2nd Dec., '84
Sitapur ..	798	11,164	...	26	35	209	13,232	...	115	2,559	672	1,248	1,531	1,269	197	78	24	2,434	1,253	11,880	852	157,011	20·48	153,277	40·43	15	...	24	...	103	21st June, '83
Fyzabad ...	2,824	16,331	...	52	47	406	19,660	...	222	3,192	483	2,544	1,578	1,622	619	154	69	3,930	3,186	17,606	2,054	377,096	36·72	558,616	76·11	2	93 8	21	·91	260	14th Jan., '84
Judge, Small Cause Court, Cantonment, Fyzabad.	1	65	...	...	...	...	66	...	1	10	...	16	7	7	1	...	...	14	7	65	1	238	5·41	563	26·81	...	...	4	·30	...	8th Dec., '84
Rae Bareli ...	1,093	9,444	...	133	20	146	10,836	...	196	1,436	376	1,045	1,322	1,063	151	61	16	2,664	1,36[illegible]	9,695	1,141	186,380	33·34	268,183	65·31	50	5 0	22	1·22	258	5th Mar., '83
Total ...	5,753	51,994	...	262	153	899	59,061	...	900	9,624	1,691	6,518	7,166	6,560	1,112	388	142	12,872	7,64[illegible]	53,985	5,076	898,475	27·25	1,22[illegible],534	58·47	130	5 0	24	...	1,011	26th June, '82

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. IX—(Civil).

Showing the general result of the trial of Civil cases in the Courts of Original Jurisdiction of the districts of the Province of Oudh during the year 1884.

Part II.—Miscellaneous cases.

District.	Suits remaining from last year.	Instituted in 1884.	Received otherwise: Received by transfer from other Courts.	Received otherwise: Remanded under section 562, Act XIV of 1882.	Received otherwise: Reviews under section 626.	Received otherwise: Revived under sections 99,103, 108, or 371.	Total for disposal.	Transferred to other Courts.	Disposed of: Without trial: Applications rejected or returned.	Disposed of: Without trial: Dismissed for default or want of prosecution.	Disposed of: Without trial: Withdrawn with leave.	Disposed of: Without contest: Compromised.	Disposed of: Without contest: Decreed on confession.	Disposed of: Without contest: Decreed *ex parte*.	Disposed of: Without contest: Dismissed *ex parte*.	Disposed of: On reference to arbitration: For plaintiff	Disposed of: On reference to arbitration: For defendant	Disposed of: With contest: Judgment for plaintiff in whole or part.	Disposed of: With contest: Judgment for defendant.	Total of columns 10 to 20, *i. e.*, disposed of (omitting transfers).	Pending at close of 1884.	Average duration of cases in days: Contested (columns 17 to 20): Total number of days.	Average duration of cases in days: Contested (columns 17 to 20): Average.	Average duration of cases in days: Uncontested (columns 10 to 16): Total number of days.	Average duration of cases in days: Uncontested (columns 10 to 16): Average.	Number of cases under Rs. 100 in value in which pleaders' fees were awarded.	Value of smallest case in which no award ed.	Highest number of adjournments in any decided case.	Average number of adjournments.	Pending more than three months.	Date of oldest pending case in each Court.
Provincial 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32
Imperial 1							2	3	4			5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12		13		15		16					14	17
Lucknow ...	131	1,709	...	...	19	76	1,934	...	214	141	5	78	89	133	60	1	1	600	409	1,791	143	33,138	30·94	17,792	24 71	...	...	15	·37	18	7th April, '81
Judge, S. C C, City Lucknow	5	238	...	...	...	...	243	...	89	5	...	16	5	5	...	...	...	68	54	242	1	1 059	8 63	390	3 25	...	...	3	·8	...	23rd Dec, '84
Ditto, Cantonment, ditto.	...	5	...	...	1	...	6	...	3	1	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	6	...	18	9 0	6	1·5	...	...	...	...	...	
Sitapur ...	126	1,510	...	10	9	71	1,726	...	156	222	25	54	82	82	29	2	...	645	299	1,596	130	25 863	27 39	15,022	23 11	...	...	13	...	12	12th Aug, '82.
Fyzabad ...	248	1,918	...	1	53	168	2,368	...	207	197	22	37	30	114	25	4	...	939	855	2,130	232	54,648	36 42	17,949	26 97	...	...	12	·6	8	8th Sep, '84.
Judge, S. C C. Cantonment, Fyzabad.	..	2	...	...	...	...	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	2	...	27	...	1	...	...	...	3	·3	...	
Rae Bareli ...	81	1,230	...	1	5	33	1,350	...	160	102	17	31	42	75	53	1	...	462	329	1,272	78	26,820	33 86	12,511	26 86	5	30	11	1·09	1	24th Sep., '84.
Total ...	591	6,611	...	12	67	348	7,629	...	830	668	69	216	248	409	167	8	1	2,776	1,647	7,639	590	141,573	31 94	62,771	24·07	5	30	10	...	39	7th April, '81.

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. IX—(RENT).

Showing the general result of the trial of Rent Suits in the Courts of Original Jurisdiction in the Province of Oudh during the year 1884.

PART I.—(RENT SUITS).

Districts.	Number of suits before the Courts.							Number of suits disposed of—												Pending at close of 1884.	Average duration of cases in days.				Number of cases under Rs. 100 in value in which pleader's fees were awarded.	Value of smallest suit in which no award ed.	Highest number of adjournments in any decided case.	Average number of adjournments.	Pending more than three months.	Date of oldest pending case in each Court.
								Transferred to other Courts.	Without trial.			Without contest.				On reference to arbitration.	With contest.				Uncontested (columns 10 to 16.)		Contested (columns 17 to 20.)							
	Pending from last year.	Instituted in 1884.	Received by transfer from other Courts.	Remanded under section 562, Act XIV of 1882.	Reviews under section 626.	Revived under sections 99, 105, 108 or 371.	Total for disposal.		Plaints rejected or returned.	Dismissed for default or want of prosecution.	Withdrawn with leave.	Compromised.	Decreed on confession.	Decreed *ex parte*	Dismissed *ex parte*.	For plaintiff.	For defendant.	Judgment for plaintiff in whole or part.	Judgment for defendant.	Total disposed of, omitting transfers (columns 10 to 20).		Total number of days.	Average.	Total number of days.	Average.					
Provincial 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	25	26	27	28	29	30
Imperial 1	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	3	4			5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	...	13	...	15	...	16	...	...	...	14	17
																											Rs. a. p.				
Lucknow ...	31	1,489	...	1	8	33	1,562	...	10	126	64	52	820	193	16	4	...	447	264	1,494	68	7,186	9·22	8,718	12·18	1	54 0 0	8	·54	...	16th Oct., '84.
Unao ...	191	3,265	...	47	20	76	3,599	...	18	486	91	160	352	528	103	...	1	1,138	611	3,488	111	61,953	35·64	65,627	37·61	...	...	15	·52	28	2nd June, '84
Bara Banki,	130	2,302	...	11	14	41	2,488	...	40	248	96	77	235	354	69	1	...	881	376	2,377	111	23,241	22·53	39,803	31·66	28	1 3 0	5	·28	...	10th Oct., '84.
Sitapur ...	32	824	...	1	3	10	870	...	30	76	37	104	136	112	31	3	...	250	93	862	8	13,426	26·01	9,365	27·06	2	7 0 0	9	1·12	...	23rd Oct., '84.
Hardoi ...	82	2,842	...	18	13	21	2,971	...	87	343	155	114	259	429	104	2	...	858	505	2,856	115	34,206	22·93	36,648	27·07	5	3 0 0	11	·37	3	10th Sep., '84.
Kheri ...	34	822	...	...	4	16	876	...	25	128	24	101	72	74	28	4	1	243	166	866	10	6,130	13·56	9,018	21·78	...	...	9	·83	1	26th Sep., '84.
Fyzabad ...	159	4,584	...	39	30	128	4,940	...	70	404	157	75	320	848	197	1	2	1,863	882	4,819	121	63,914	30·86	106,588	33·78	...	...	8	·75	3	22nd Sep., '84.
Bahraich ...	15	1,819	...	...	8	34	1,879	...	35	214	75	135	309	337	63	1	...	467	301	1,835	44	21,290	18·26	20,209	30·2	...	...	10	·25	...	1st Nov., '84.
Gonda ...	120	4,243	...	48	10	90	4,510	...	38	436	107	197	262	806	81	14	2	1,472	987	4,402	108	45,103	23·45	66,467	26·85	11	9 7 0	16	·34	...	11th Oct., '84.
Rae Bareli ...	81	1,657	...	10	8	27	1,783	...	12	141	79	41	388	363	32	4	...	439	247	1,746	37	14,874	14·08	17,322	25·10	...	...	20	·88	1	30th June, '84.
Sultanpur ...	152	4,259	...	40	36	57	4,544	...	54	429	65	231	332	691	203	7	4	1,619	766	4,402	142	54,098	26·92	85,187	35·56	...	...	18	·86	2	4th Aug., '84.
Partabgarh,	76	2,846	...	38	17	39	3,006	...	14	224	111	144	307	591	44	1	...	296	494	2,936	69	36,824	25·48	28,674	19·36	28	1 8 0	23	0·60	3	23rd July, '84.
Total ...	1,098	30,951	...	338	171	572	33,032	...	421	3,265	1,061	1,431	3,293	5,326	969	43	10	10,573	5,892	32,083	944	384,257	24·37	494,223	30·29	75	1 3 0	23	...	44	2nd June, '84.

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. IX—(RENT).

Showing the general result of the trial of Rent cases in the Courts of Original Jurisdiction of the districts of the Province of Oudh for the year 1884.

PART II.—MISCELLANEOUS CASES.

Districts.	Suits remaining from last year.	Instituted in 1884.	Received otherwise: Received by transfer from other courts.	Remanded under section 568, Act XIV of 1882.	Reviews under section 626.	Revived under sections 99, 103, 108 or 371.	Total for disposal.	Transferred to other courts.	Disposed of— Without trial: Applications rejected or returned.	Dismissed for default or want of prosecution.	Withdrawn with leave	Without contest: Compromised.	Decreed on confession.	Decreed ex parte.	Dismissed ex parte.	On reference to arbitration: For plaintiff.	For defendant.	With contest: Judgment for plaintiff in whole or part.	Judgment for defendant.	Total of columns 10 to 20, i.e., disposed of (omitting transfers.)	Pending at close of 1884.	Average duration of cases in days. Contested (columns 17 to 20.): Total number of days.	Average.	Uncontested (columns 10 to 16.): Total number of days.	Average.	No. of cases under Rs. 100, in value in which pleaders' fees were awarded.	Value of smallest suit in which so awarded.	Highest No. of adjournments in any decided case.	Average No. of adjournments.	Pending more than three months.	Date of oldest pending case in each court.
Provincial, 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32
Imperial, 1							2	3	4			5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12		13		15		16				14	17
Lucknow ...	3	297	...	...	...	...	300	...	3	11	11	13	4	92	...	...	...	89	65	288	12	1,396	9·06	3,434	25·62	...	...	6	·28	...	11t Oct., 1884.
Unao ...	56	1,585	...	3	17	67	1,668	...	27	128	8	18	7	753	69	1	...	389	262	1,642	26	24,965	39·56	19,148	18·95	...	...	11	·30	2	22nd July, „
Bara Banki,	9	1,021	...	1	38	65	1,131	...	29	82	19	10	5	519	15	...	...	294	143	1,116	15	12,173	27·85	18·780	27·65	...	...	...	·09	...	24th Oct., „
Sitapur ...	29	563	...	...	...	3	595	...	8	21	4	26	198	146	23	4	...	108	50	588	7	3 535	21·89	8,358	19 61	...	...	4	·53	...	8th Nov., „
Hardoi ...	31	1,185	...	...	26	47	1,289	...	64	80	15	111	229	150	18	...	...	478	118	1,256	33	12,630	21·53	9,696	14·69	...	4	13	·24	...	9th Oct., „
Kheri ...	12	429	...	...	7	2	450	...	7	27	2	4	2	290	8	...	...	66	39	445	5	1,071	10·2	2,877	8·46	...	...	4	·15	...	11th Nov., „
Fyzabad ...	30	2,530	...	...	27	112	2,719	...	66	164	23	16	9	1,768	31	...	...	365	246	2,682	37	18,741	30 67	35,964	17 36	...	...	10	1·01	2	24th Sep., „
Bahraich ...	9	916	...	...	1	4	930	...	33	70	2	62	11	267	9	...	...	397	64	915	15	11,000	2 40	10 611	23·37	...	...	6	·26	...	11th Oct., „
Gonda ...	45	2,243	...	...	9	66	2,365	...	80	148	16	21	8	557	22	...	...	1,132	323	2,312	53	22,087	25 77	13,532	9·31	...	...	9	1·87	1	16th July, „
Rae Bareli,	17	601	...	1	...	1	63	...	8	34	5	5	32	328	16	...	...	95	102	625	5	4,439	22·53	5,550	12·96	...	...	11	81	...	24th Nov., „
Sultanpur...	32	2,598	...	...	...	7	2,637	...	50	206	11	61	4	1,382	25	...	...	485	391	2,565	72	34,6 6	41·89	51,084	29 37	...	...	7	·22	6	5th Aug., „
Partabgarh,	29	798	...	...	5	16	850	...	7	94	22	35	8	40	12	...	...	456	151	825	25	13,359	22·00	4,236	19·43	...	...	12	·41	1	24th Sep., „
Total ...	302	14,726	...	5	127	404	15,564	...	376	1,065	138	352	510	6,297	243	5	...	4,284	1,954	15,259	305	160,202	25·66	183,290	30·32	...	4	13	...	12	16th July, „

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. X—(Civil and Rent).

Showing the business of the Civil Appellate Courts in the Province of Oudh during the year 1884.

PART I.—Appeals from Decrees.

Divisions.	Appeals remaining from last year.	Instituted in 1884.	Otherwise received.				Total for disposal.	Transferred to other courts.	Appeals summarily rejected, section 551.	Dismissed for default, secs. 556, 557, or otherwise not prosecuted.	Heard ex parte.				Contested.				Total disposed of, omitting transfers.	Pending.	Pending more than three months.	Average duration of appeals in column 20.	Objections under section 564, Act XIV of 1882.	Number of appeals below Rs. 100 in value in which pleaders' fees were awarded.	Value of smallest appeal in which no awarded.	Average number of adjournments.	Date of oldest pending appeal.
			Received by transfer from other courts.	Remands under sec. 562.	Reviews under section 626, Act XIV of 1882.	Revivals under secs. 558, 560.					Confirmed	Modified	Reversed	Remanded under sec. 562.	Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed	Remanded under sec. 562.									
Provincial 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Imperial 1							2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13		14	15	16	17				18
Rent.																									Rs.a.p.		
Commissioner, Lucknow ...	10	247	...	...	...	...	257	1	3	7	...	...	...	...	148	9	43	34	246	11	...	53·08	1	35	1 8 0	1·66	28th July, 1884.
Ditto, Sitapur ...	5	156	...	...	...	...	169	...	3	26	9	...	...	1	77	9	26	6	157	12	3	61 52	...	17	6 0 0	·78	17th ditto.
Ditto, Fyzabad ...	51	619	1	...	...	3	674	...	2	29	35	1	5	2	174	14	64	36	362	312	249	90·9	...	13	15 0 0	1·42	5th ditto.
Ditto, Rae Bareli ...	44	377	...	...	...	6	427	...	...	16	5	...	2	1	228	9	98	23	379	48	44	76·03	...	68	3 0 0	·62	2nd ditto.
Total ...	110	1,399	1	...	...	17	1,527	1	8	78	49	1	7	4	627	41	230	99	1,144	383	296	73 83	1	133	1 8 0	...	2nd ditto.
Civil.																											
District Judge, Lucknow ...	149	840	...	...	...	4	993	1	22	29	11	1	1	1	530	76	178	55	904	89	5	51·32	21	3	3 2 0	·69	10th July, 1883
Ditto, Sitapur ...	122	582	...	2	...	1	707	...	...	18	...	...	...	...	441	46	97	19	621	86	15	73·18	12	1	25 0 0	·83	17th May, 1884
Ditto, Fyzabad ...	303	1,453	1	2	2	13	1,773	...	15	48	6	1	5	...	957	121	283	52	1,486	285	18	75·79	38	...	...	·15	7th June, ,,
Ditto, Rae Bareli...	224	969	...	1	...	3	1,197	...	41	44	4	3	4	7	452	85	89	126	829	368	172	55 17	9	87	2 9 4	·30	2nd Nov, 1883.
Total ...	798	3,844	1	5	2	20	4,670	1	78	139	21	5	10	8	2,380	302	647	252	3,842	828	210	62·82	80	91	2 2 4	...	10th July, 1883.
Grand Total ...	908	5,243	2	5	2	37	6,197	2	86	217	70	6	17	12	3,007	343	877	351	4,986	1,211	506	66·96	81	224	1 8 0	...	... ...

PROVINCIAL RETURN No X—(Civil and Rent).

Showing the business of the Civil and Rent Appellate Courts in the Province of Oudh during the year 1884.

PART II.—Miscellaneous (Appeals) Judicial.

Divisions.	Appeals remaining from last year.	Instituted in 1884.	Otherwise received: Received by transfer from other courts.	Otherwise received: Reviews under section 626, Act XIV of 1882	Otherwise received: Remands under section 562.	Otherwise received: Revivals under sections 558, 560.	Total for disposal	Transferred to other Courts.	Appeals summarily rejected, section 551.	Dismissed for default, or otherwise not prosecuted.	Heard ex parte: Confirmed.	Heard ex parte: Modified.	Heard ex parte: Reversed.	Heard ex parte: Remanded under section 562.	Contested: Confirmed.	Contested: Modified.	Contested: Reversed.	Contested: Remanded under section 562	Total disposed of, omitting transfers	Pending.	Of those pending more than three months.	Average duration of appeals in column 20.	Objections under section 561, Act XIV of 1882.	No of appeals below Rs 100 in value in which pleaders' fees were awarded.	Value of smallest appeal in which so awarded.	Average number of adjournments.	Date of oldest pending appeals
Provincial 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Imperial 1							2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13		14	15	16	17				18
Rent																									Rs.		
Commissioner, Lucknow,	...	17	...	...	...	...	17	...	1	1	...	..	..	...	7	1	5	1	16	1	...	31·12	...	...	...	...	24th November, 1884.
Ditto, Sitapur ...		17	...	...	...	...	17	...	1	2	1	...	...	...	12	1	...	...	17	...	...	25 76	.	...	...	05	
Ditto, Fyzabad...	5	22	...	...	...	..	27	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	4	...	2	3	10	17	5	181 0	...	...	...	2 5	22nd July, 1884.
Ditto, Rae Bareli,	6	53	..	...	...	..	59	...	1	1	2	...	...	...	25	8	15	2	54	5	...	85 32	...	...	...	88	23rd July, 1884
Total ..	11	109	...	...	...	...	120	..	3	5	3	..	...	...	48	10	22	6	97	23	5	53 89	...	..	...	...	22nd July, 1884
Civil.																											
District Judge, Lucknow,	9	59	..	...	..	1	69	...	2	4	4	...	...	...	29	2	14	8	68	6	...	54 42	...	1	60	·20	4th December, 1884
Ditto, Sitapur ..	5	39	...	...	...	...	44	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19	...	15	8	42	2	...	49·09	...	...	...	66	1st November, 1884.
Ditto, Fyzabad ..	14	74	...	...	...	...	88	...	8	2	1	...	...	...	37	...	16	9	73	15	...	64 45	..	...	...	08	13th October, 1884
Ditto, Rae Bareli,	..	18	..	..	1		19	.	1	2	1	...	..	1	2	1	.	8	16	3	1	66 81	...	...	...	·2	22nd September, 1884
Total ...	28	190	..	...	1	1	220	...	11	8	6	...	..	1	87	3	45	33	194	26	1	58 06	...	1	60	.	22nd September, 1884
Grand Total ...	39	299	...	...	1	1	340	...	14	13	9	...	...	1	135	13	67	39	291	49	6	56·37	...	1	60	...	

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. X— (Rent).

Showing the business of the Rent Appellate Courts (Deputy Commissioners) in the Province of Oudh during 1884.

Part I.—Appeals from decrees

Districts.	Appeals remaining from last year.	Instituted in 1884.	Otherwise received.					Transferred to other Courts.	Appeals summarily rejected, section 551	Dismissed for default, sections 556, 557, or otherwise not prosecuted.	Heard ex parte				Contested.				Total disposed of, omitting transfers.	Pending.	Pending more than three months.	Average duration of appeals in column 20.	Objections under section 561, Act XIV of 1882.	Number of appeals below Rs 100 in value in which pleaders' fees were awarded.	Value of smallest appeal in which so awarded.	Average number of adjournments	Date of oldest pending appeal.
			Received by transfer from other Courts.	Remands under section 562.	Reviews under section 626, Act XIV of 1882	Revivals under sections 559, 560	Total for disposal				Confirmed.	Modified	Reversed.	Remanded under section 562.	Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed	Remanded under section 562								
Provincial	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Imperial							2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13		14	15	16	17				18
																									Rs. a. p		
Lucknow	9	57	1				67			3					35	15	10	1	64	3	1	24 31				·43	25th September, 1884
Unao	13	206	2			7	226	3		13	18		1		93	29	25	35	214	12	1	23 64	2	1	40 11 0	·10	19th September, 1884.
Bara Banki	16	143	2			1	162			10	2				83	8	36	2	144	18		27 16		3	1 4 0		23rd October, 1884.
Sitapur	1	57	1				58			1					42	2	6	3	54	4		12 37					13th October, 1884.
Hardoi	13	120				6	139		6	8	2	3			67	15	14	16	131	8		22·17		1	20 12 0	29	13th December, 1884.
Kheri	1	42					43		1						21	6	10	5	42	1		25 88		2	28 10 6	1·30	23rd December, 1884
Fyzabad	13	187	1			1	201	2	1	4					96	19	41	26	187	14		28 63	2	10	3 0 0	·17	4th November, 1884.
Bahraich	7	54	1			1	64		2	2					39	9	10	1	63	1		30·03				1 24	24th December, 1884.
Gonda	24	264	2			1	290		4	8	2		1	3	157	33	29	32	269	21		28·02		1	12 11 0	1·13	6th November, 1884.
Rae Bareli	3	82					88		1	4		1			35	10	16	11	80	8		23·6				·47	1st November, 1884
Sultanpur	13	187			3		204			11	2			1	98	23	20	31	186	16		25·22				·58	24th November, 1884.
Partabgarh	14	109		1	1		125		4	4	3		3	1	52	15	14	18	114	11		27·63	1			1·05	12th December, 1884.
Total	126	1,508	6	1	6	29	1,667	6	18	68	29	4	7	6	818	184	233	181	1,548	119	2	26 84	5	18	1 4 0	...	18th September, 1884

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. X—(RENT).

Showing the business of the Rent Appellate Courts (Deputy Commissioners) of the Province of Oudh, during the year, 1884.

PART II.—MISCELLANEOUS APPEALS (JUDICIAL).

Districts.	Appeals remaining from last year.	Instituted in present year.	Otherwise received.					Transferred to other Courts.	Appeals summarily rejected, section 551.	Heard ex parte				Contested.				Total disposed of omitting transfers.	Pending.	Of those pending more than three months.	Average duration of appeals in column 20.	Objections under section 561, Act XIV of 1882.	Number of appeals below Rs. 100 in value, in which pleaders' fees were awarded.	Value of smallest appeal in which so awarded.	Average number of adjournments.	Date of oldest pending appeal.
			Received by transfer from other Courts.	Reviews under section 626, Act XIV of 1882.	Remands under section 562.	Revivals under sections 558-560.	Total for disposal.			Dismissed for default, or otherwise not prosecuted.	Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded under section 562.	Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded under section 562.								
Provincial 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Imperial 1	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	...	14	15	16	17	...	...	...	18
Deputy Commissioners.																											
Lucknow	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	18 00	...	...	...	...	
Unao	...	30	...	2	...	6	38	...	10	4	2	...	...	...	9	1	8	2	36	2	...	20 80	...	...	...	...	7th October, 1884.
Bara Banki	...	6	...	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	4	...	1	...	6	...	...	12·5	...	...	...	...	
Sitapur	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Hardoi	...	4	...	...	...	...	6	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	6	...	...	22·	...	...	...	...	
Kheri	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	35·	...	...	...	2·	
Fyzabad	...	10	...	...	...	...	10	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	3	1	10	...	...	28·8	...	...	...	...	
Bahraich	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Gonda	...	19	...	...	...	...	23	...	1	3	1	...	...	...	13	...	3	1	22	1	...	24·81	...	...	...	77	10th December, 1884.
Rae Bareli	...	3	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	1	...	3	...	...	23·33	...	...	...	...	
Sultanpur	...	9	...	...	...	...	11	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	5	1	9	2	...	29·66	...	...	...	...	1st December, 1884.
Partabgarh	...	3	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	3	...	...	25 0	...	...	...	...	
Total	9	85	...	2	...	6	102	...	13	7	3	...	1	...	45	1	22	5	97	5	...	23·92	...	...	...	...	7th October, 1884.

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. XI. 1—(CIVIL).

Showing the result of proceedings on applications for the execution of the decrees of the Civil Courts in the Province of Oudh during the year 1884.

Districts.	Application to execute decrees.			Applications disposed of—				Pending at the end of the year.	Number of applications pending more than three months at the close of the year.	Amount realized.	
	Remaining from last year.	Filed or revived.	Total number of applications for the execution of decrees before the Courts.	By transfer.	Satisfaction obtained in full.	Satisfaction obtained in part.	Wholly infructuous, see columns 26 and 27.			With the issue of process.	Without the issue of process.
Provincial 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Imperial 1			2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
										Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
Ordinary Civil Courts.											
Lucknow	878	6,086	6,964	153	2,536	854	2,509	912	272	3,39,310 13 4	62,111 5 10
Sitapur	754	4,768	5,522	136	1,818	925	1,859	784	267	1,85,254 3 2	1,989 4 0
Fyzabad	750	5,431	6,181	140	2,304	830	1,948	959	181	1,27 517 7 11	12,286 4 6
Rae Bareli	754	4,519	5,273	78	2,220	895	1,503	677	146	1,38,618 2 9	5,055 10 1
Total ...	3,136	20,904	24,040	507	8,878	3,504	7,819	3,332	886	7,90,700 11 2	81,422 8 5
Small Cause Courts.											
Lucknow	20	688	708	11	334	66	240	57	...	8,691 6 6	173 14 0
Sitapur	47	382	429	12	130	89	185	43	29	8,819 3 6	388 0 0
Fyzabad	139	1,493	1,632	116	554	212	607	143	6	17,529 2 7	3,330 11 1
Rae Bareli	32	317	349	49	124	66	87	23	...	4,992 14 0	150 12 0
Small Cause Court, City Lucknow	106	4,843	4,949	292	1,497	1,009	2,099	52	...	55,113 15 10	9,360 5 0
Ditto, Cantonment ditto	2	220	222	28	52	131	4	7	...	2,611 3 3	221 5 9
Ditto, ditto Fyzabad	...	20	20	3	5	3	9	...	...	83 0 6	...
Total ...	346	7,963	8,309	511	2,695	1,576	3,201	325	35	97,340 13 2	14,519 15 10
GRAND TOTAL ...	3,482	28,867	32,349	1,018	11,574	5,080	11,020	3,657	921	8,88,041 8 4	95,942 8 3

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. XI. 1—(CIVIL)—*(concluded)*.

Showing the result of proceedings on applications for the execution of the decrees of the Civil Courts in the Province of Oudh during the year 1884.

Districts.	Number of applications.												Wholly infructuous.						Date of oldest pending application in each Court.
	On which the judgment-debtor was imprisoned.	On which he was arrested but released without imprisonment.	On which moveable property—Was sold.	On which moveable property—Was attached but subsequently released.	On which immoveable property—Was sold.	On which immoveable property—Was dealt with under sections 305, 325 or 326, Act XIV of 1882.	On which immoveable property—Was attached but subsequently released under section 275.	On which possession was given—Of moveable.	On which possession was given—Of immoveable.	On which specific performance was enforced.	On which partition was effected.	On which execution was effected otherwise than in preceding columns.	From fault of decree-holder.	From other causes.	Highest number of adjournments.	Average number of adjournments.	Number of cases under Rs 100 in value in which pleaders' fees were awarded.	Value of smallest case in which so awarded.	
Provincial 1.	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Imperial 1.	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22							23
Ordinary Civil Courts.																			
Lucknow	40	62	376	1,101	271	10	356	5	509	16	3	1,206	843	1,676	48	...	...	...	23rd February, 1881.
Sitapur	44	44	419	817	155	13	117	10	298	6	3	1,163	764	1,095	52	...	...	...	23rd January, 1881.
Fyzabad	26	57	394	1,092	83	1	274	15	662	...	...	410	1,099	849	47	...	...	...	7th October, 1882.
Rae Bareli	63	29	580	877	110	3	206	3	539	45	5	1,107	581	922	35	...	...	...	29th March, 1880.
Total	175	192	1,769	3,887	619	27	953	33	2,008	67	11	3,886	3,287	4,542	52	...	...	...	29th March, 1880.
Small Cause Courts.																			
Lucknow	2	15	56	157	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	212	27	203	19	...	...	...	9th October, 1884.
Sitapur	4	1	44	72	1	...	4	1	...	...	...	104	59	96	21	...	...	...	12th July, 1884.
Fyzabad	18	50	152	305	24	...	...	...	...	...	...	252	307	300	14	...	...	...	20th November, 1884.
Rae Bareli	4	7	39	65	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	78	24	63	7	...	...	...	18th November, 1884.
Small Cause Court, City Lucknow	107	58	125	108	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,108	553	1,546	3	·12	...	...	5th November, 1884.
Ditto, Cantonment ditto	4	18	11	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	4	·11	...	...	
Ditto, ditto Fyzabad	...	1	1	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	6	3	4	1·15	...	...	
Total	139	130	428	714	31	...	6	1	...	...	...	2,757	980	2,211	21		...	...	12th July, 1884.
GRAND TOTAL	314	322	2,191	4,601	650	27	959	34	2,008	67	11	6,673	4,267	6,753	52	...	...	...	29th March, 1880.

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. XI—(RENT).

Showing the result of proceedings on applications for the execution of the decrees of the Rent Courts in the Province of Oudh during the year 1884.

Districts.	Applications to execute decrees.			Applications disposed of—						Amount realized	
	Remaining from last year.	Filed or revived	Total number of applications for the execution of decrees before the Courts.	By transfer.	Satisfaction obtained in full	Satisfaction obtained in part.	Wholly infructuous, see columns 24 and 27.	Pending at the close of the present year.	Number of applications pending more than three months at the close of the present year.	With the issue of process	Without the issue of process
Provincial 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Imperial 1	...	...	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
										Rs. a. p	Rs. a. p
Lucknow	86	812	898	6	348	116	349	79	6	15,468 0 0	29 8 0
Unao	97	1 084	1,181	1	552	114	416	98*	39	21,488 0 8	59 1 6
Bara Banki	105	1 043	1,148	21	483	115	397	132	18	19,226 12 6	916 14 2
Sitapur	89	282	321	3	150	53	100	15	...	11,465 1 6	752 4 4
Hardoi	87	917	1,004	...	577	82	265	90	15	19,267 9 0	1,353 3 5
Kheri	17	232	249	...	193	43	55	28	2	8,158 4 3	5 0 0
Fyzabad	151	1,735	1,886	13	767	314	640	152	43	25,115 1 3	4 374 13 2
Bahraich	35	741	776	5	326	116	277	52	6	7,736 11 4	14,293 5 2
Gonda	249	1,981	2,230	2	1,106	244	643	185	45	45,487 14 3	567 4 7
Rae Bareli	132	1 038	1,170	4	578	205	305	78	20	19,735 11 9	2.862 5 3
Sultanpur	196	1,380	1,576	14	803	268	320	171	45	31 225 11 3	2,272 8 10
Partabgarh	121	894	1,015	...	552	144	247	72	19	26,002 8 7	459 3 6
Total	1,315	12,139	13,454	69	6,365	1,814	4,064	1,142	258	2,50,367 4 4	27,945 7 11

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. XI—(RENT)—*concluded.*

Showing the result of proceedings on applications for the execution of the Decrees of the Rent Courts in the Province of Oudh during the year 1884.

Districts.	Number of Applications.												Wholly infructuous.		Highest number of adjournments.	Average number of adjournments.	Number of cases under Rs. 100 in value in which pleaders' fees were awarded.	Value of smallest case in which so awarded.	Date of oldest pending application in each Court.
	On which the judgment-debtor was imprisoned.	On which he was arrested but released without imprisonment.	On which moveable property— Was sold.	On which moveable property— Was attached but subsequently released.	On which immoveable property— Was sold.	On which immoveable property— Was dealt with under sections 305, 312, or 316, Act XIV of 1882.	On which immoveable property— Was attached but subsequently released under section 276.	On which possession was given— Of moveable.	On which possession was given— Of immoveable.	On which specific performance was enforced.	On which partition was effected.	On which execution was effected otherwise than in preceding columns.	From fault of decree-holders.	From other causes.					
Provincial 1	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Imperial 2	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22							23
Lucknow	6	5	114	194	15	...	24	...	4	...	...	105	194	155	12	1·49	...	...	16th Sep., 1884.
Unao	14	6	82	208	8	...	13	...	19	10	...	339	118	298	10	·51	...	...	18th Dec., 1883.
Bara Banki	11	8	79	154	15	...	24	...	14	5	...	68	122	275	6	·28	...	...	11th May, 1883.
Sitapur	5	3	49	53	7	2	1	15	7	...	...	64	53	47	12	2·27	...	...	13th Sep., 1884.
Hardoi	15	6	64	318	7	1	18	...	9	...	...	221	103	162	23	1·72	...	...	6th Sep., 1884.
Kheri	...	2	37	84	4	...	3	...	2	...		34	31	24	20	·95	...	...	27th Aug., 1883.
Fyzabad	24	27	323	266	55	3	131	...	41	...	...	224	143	497	21	2·09	...	...	5th Nov., 1883.
Bahraich	5	8	89	165	10	...	1	1	21	45	...	104	165	112	10	·53	...	...	1st June, 1883
Gonda	41	12	174	574	69	1	47	2	34	...	...	500	103	590	32	...	...	...	7th May, 1884.
Rae Bareli	9	17	201	291	38	1	41	...	19	...	...	164	61	244	35	1·95	...	...	7th June, 1883.
Sultanpur	39	40	251	531	81	2	109	...	25	...	...	177	132	148	18	1·76	...	...	13th April, 1883.
Partabgarh	21	17	141	354	4	...	20	...	16	...	...	123	99	148	24	1·74	...	...	19th Jan., 1882.
Total	186	151	1,604	3,194	313	10	432	18	221	60	...	2,123	1,324	2,740	35	...	...	...	19th Jan., 1882.

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. XII.—(Civil and Rent).

Showing the number and results of applications and proceedings in insolvency under Chapter XX., Act XIV. of 1882, in the Province of Oudh, during the year 1884.

Class of Court.	Application for a declaration of insolvency.										Number of insolvents discharged during the year under section 355.	Number of insolvents' estates in hands of receivers in which proceedings were finally closed during the year.	Amount of creditors' claims dealt with during the year.		Gross amount of insolvents' assets realised and disbursed.		Date of oldest pending case.
	Pending from last year.	Filed during the year.	Total number of applications.	Transferred to another province.	Granted.		Rejected.			Pending at the close of the year.			Admitted.	Satisfied.	Realised during the year.	Disbursed during the year.	
					A receiver being appointed.	A receiver not being appointed.	Penal proceedings under section 359 not being taken.	Sentence of imprisonment being passed under section 359.	Applicant being sent to the Magistrate to be dealt with.								
Provincial 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Imperial 1			2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
													Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	
District Judge, Lucknow ...	5	22	27	...	3	6	10	...	...	8	1	3	2,250 9 0	189 0 0	339 0 0	339 0 0	4th August, 1884.
Ditto, Sitapur ...		5	7	...	...	...	5	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	27th May, 1884.
Ditto, Fyzabad ...	4	8	9	...	1	1	7	...	...	...	2	2	8,597 13 3	1,407 10 0	1,000 9 9	1,043 10 2	
Ditto, Rae Bareli ...	2	3	5	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total ...	10	38	48	...	4	7	27	...	...	10	3	5	10,484 5 3	1,596 10 0	1,339 9 9	1,382 10 2	27th May, 1884.

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. XV.—(CIVIL AND RENT.)

Showing the detention of witnesses before Civil and Rent Courts in suits, miscellaneous cases and in cases of execution of decree in the Courts of the districts of the Province of Oudh, for the year 1884.

	Discharged after being in attendance.										
	1 day.	2 days.	3 days.	4 days.	5 days.	6 days.	7 days.	8 days.	9 days.	16 to 23 days.	Total.
Civil Courts.											
Lucknow	13,489	374	48	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	13,920
Sitapur	12,202	216	44	13	4	2	...	4	...	...	12,485
Fyzabad	12,835	251	11	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13,097
Rae Bareli	13,144	276	32	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13,452
Total ...	51,670	1,117	135	22	4	2	...	4	...	...	52,954
Small Cause Courts.											
Lucknow City Small Cause Court ...	2,907	55	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,964
Lucknow Cantonment ditto ...	234	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	234
Fyzabad ditto ditto ...	23	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	23
Total ...	3,164	55	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,221
Rent Courts.											
Lucknow	607	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	610
Unao	2,346	45	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,391
Bara Banki	1,164	18	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,182
Sitapur	792	3	4	4	...	8	...	...	...	...	811
Hardoi	1,691	27	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	1,721
Kheri	432	32	13	9	2	...	...	...	...	...	488
Fyzabad	1,515	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,517
Babraich	565	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	570
Gonda	1,499	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,499
Rae Bareli	1,211	13	5	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,230
Sultanpur	1,908	46	11	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	1,967
Partabgarh	2,342	30	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,372
Total ...	16,072	224	34	15	3	9	...	...	...	1	16,358

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. XVI.—(Civil and Rent.)

Statement showing the Receipts and Disbursements on account of processes in the Courts of the Province of Oudh, during the year 1884.

Districts.	Number of servers employed.	Aggregate number of processes served.	Average number per server.	Receipts.				Disbursements.						Remarks.
				Balance from last year.	Value of fees received within the year.	Remittances from other provinces.	Total.	Pay of supervising establishment including nazarat and bailiff.	Pay of peons.	Pension fund 12 per cent.	Contingencies and refunds.	Total.	Surplus or deficit.	
					Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	
Civil.														
District Judge, Lucknow	148	58,539	395·53	...	20,111 3 0	0 10 0	20,111 13 0	3,601 11 0	10,117 0 11	1,646 3 11	359 4 3	15,724 4 1	+4,387 8 11	
Ditto, Sitapur	139	47,116	338·97	...	17,246 15 0	23 0 0	17,269 15 0	3,000 0 0	9,860 14 0	1,183 4 10	421 1 6	14,465 4 4	+2,804 10 8	
Ditto, Fyzabad	139	68,799	492·58	...	21,312 13 0	8 6 0	21,321 3 0	3,424 8 3	9,741 0 3	1,579 13 10	652 5 9	15,397 12 1	+5,923 6 11	
Ditto, Rae Bareli	111	45,598	410·	...	17,074 8 0	103 6 0	17,177 14 0	2,879 0 0	7,697 1 3	1,269 2 0	302 9 0	12,147 12 3	+5,030 1 9	
Small Cause Court, City Lucknow	40	19,068	476·7	...	5,103 8 0	0 4 0	5,103 12 0	1,260 0 0	2,661 1 9	493 5 3	46 0 0	4,650 7 0	+452 5 0	
Ditto, Cantonment Lucknow ...	2	1,096	548·	...	290 14 0	...	290 14 0	144 0 0	132 0 0	33 1 11	...	309 1 11	−18 3 11	
Ditto, ditto Fyzabad ...	1	163	163·	...	33 6 0	4 0 0	37 6 0	...	72 0 0	8 10 3	0 12 0	81 6 3	−44 0 3	
Total	580	240,391	414·46	...	81,173 3 0	139 10 0	81,312 13 0	14,309 3 3	40,471 2 2	6,213 10 0	1,782 0 6	62,775 15 11	+18,536 13 1	
Rent.														
Deputy Commissioner, Lucknow ...	27	18,662	691·	...	9,441 8 0	...	9,441 8 0	1,636 12 4	2,052 14 7	442 12 9	202 2 6	4,334 9 5	+5,106 14 7	
Ditto, Unao ...	46	35,026	761·	...	8,913 5 0	...	8,913 5 0	1,404 3 2	3,230 2 7	555 6 0	89 1 6	5,278 13 3	+3,634 7 9	
Ditto, Bara Banki ...	38	25,341	667·	...	6,530 9 0	...	6,530 9 0	1,176 0 0	2,526 4 1	444 4 4	86 3 6	4,232 11 11	+2,297 13 1	
Ditto, Sitapur ...	13	7,751	596·	...	2,632 8 0	...	2,632 8 0	1,303 0 0	913 3 0	265 15 1	53 9 0	2,535 11 1	+96 9 11	
Ditto, Hardoi ...	36	20,105	641·86	...	5,200 8 0	...	5,200 8 0	1,416 0 0	2,392 2 3	456 15 7	54 11 3	4,319 13 1	+880 10 11	
Ditto, Kheri ...	12	5,719	476·58	...	1,895 15 0	...	1,895 15 0	480 0 0	858 2 4	160 9 3	4 0 0	1,502 11 7	+393 3 5	
Ditto, Fyzabad ...	54	32,312	598·37	...	8,082 15 0	5 0 0	8,087 15 0	1,596 0 0	3,763 10 4	451 10 2	30 4 0	5,841 8 6	+2,246 6 6	
Ditto, Bahraich ...	21	9,806	443·	...	2,958 2 0	...	2,958 2 0	1,032 0 0	1,395 4 10	291 5 2	...	2,719 10 0	+238 8 0	
Ditto, Gonda ...	54	34,538	639·	...	9,657 11 0	...	9,657 11 0	852 0 0	3,805 2 3	534 13 7	6 0 0	4,999 15 10	+4,657 11 2	
Ditto, Rae Bareli ...	33	17,806	539·57	...	5,090 15 0	1 0 0	5,091 14 0	1,476 0 0	2,257 9 8	448 0 6	115 0 0	4,296 10 2	+795 4 10	
Ditto, Sultanpur ...	80	55,138	689·	...	13,223 4 0	19 8 0	13,242 12 0	1,293 0 2	5,334 10 4	795 5 6	155 4 0	7,578 3 6	+5,664 8 6	
Ditto, Partabgarh ...	39	24,366	624·7	...	5,800 3 0	4 4 0	5,804 7 0	1,032 0 0	2,656 2 0	446 2 0	...	4,134 4 0	+1,640 2 4	
Total	453	286,070	631·89	...	79,427 4 0	29 12 0	79,457 7 0	14,696 15 8	31,016 4 3	5,293 3 4	798 3 9	51,804 11 0	+27,052 5 0	

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. XVIII.—(CIVIL AND RENT.)

Statement showing receipts and disbursements on account of Sale Commission Fund in the Districts of the province of Oudh, during the year 1884.

	Receipts.			*Disbursements.*				Payable to Nazir, &c., under para. 15, Circular No. 24 of 1872.
	Balance from last year	Value of fees received within the year.	Total.	Pay of peons.	Contingencies.	Total.	Balance.	
Civil.		Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
Lucknow	...	7,339 1 10	7,339 1 10	473 8 0	2,264 7 0	2,737 15 0	4,601 2 10	1,150 4 9
Sitapur	...	1,052 0 9	1,052 0 9	483 1 9	5 4 0	488 5 9	563 11 0	140 14 9
Fyzabad	...	1,750 7 2	1,750 7 2	295 15 4	19 12 10	315 12 2	1,434 11 0	358 10 9
Rae Bareli	...	1,065 1 6	1,065 1 6	455 11 7	...	455 11 7	609 5 11	151 5 4
Small Cause Courts.								
Lucknow City Small Cause Court	...	557 9 6	557 9 6	144 0 0	...	144 0 0	413 9 6	103 6 4
Ditto Cantonment Small Cause Court	...	4 9 1	4 9 1	...	...	...	4 9 1	1 2 3
Fyzabad ditto ditto	...	0 6 0	0 6 0	...	...	...	0 6 0	0 1 6
Total	...	11,769 3 10	11,769 3 10	1,852 4 8	2,289 7 10	4,141 12 6	7,627 7 4	1,905 13 8
Rent.								
Lucknow	...	194 7 0	194 7 0	...	...	...	194 7 0	48 9 9
Unao	...	210 7 9	210 7 9	...	...	...	210 7 9	52 9 7
Bara Banki	...	101 6 5	101 6 5	...	...	...	101 6 5	25 5 7
Sitapur	...	134 14 7	134 14 7	72 0 0	2 1 11	74 1 11	60 12 8	15 3 2
Hardoi	.	132 13 0	132 13 0	...	...	...	132 13 0	33 3 3
Kheri	...	93 5 0	93 5 0	...	...	...	93 5 0	23 5 3
Fyzabad	...	458 1 6	458 1 6	288 0 0	...	288 0 0	170 1 6	42 8 4
Bahraich	...	210 3 2	210 3 2	32 6 4	...	32 6 4	177 12 10	44 7 2
Gonda	...	489 14 6	489 14 6	...	...	...	489 14 6	122 7 7
Rae Bareli	...	304 5 6	304 5 6	...	...	...	304 5 6	76 1 4
Sultanpur	...	393 5 11	393 5 11	174 12 4	...	174 12 4	218 9 7	54 10 4
Partabgarh	...	163 3 0	163 3 0	72 0 0	10 2 0	82 2 0	81 1 0	20 4 8
Total	...	2,886 7 4	2,886 7 4	639 2 8	12 3 11	651 6 7	2,235 0 9	558 11 7

APPENDIX A.

Statement showing Court Fees (other than Process Fees) realized in the Oudh Civil Courts during the year 1884.

Districts.	*Ad valorem Fees.*			*Fixed Fees.*		Gross fees realised.	Refunds under sections 10, 13, 14, 15, Act VII of 1870, and under Notification No. 2768, dated 30th April, 1874.	Net fees realised.	Remarks.
	On plaints, memoranda of appeal, and applications for review of judgment.	On copies and translations.	On certificates, probates and letters of administration.	On plaints and memoranda of appeal.	On other documents.				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	
Lucknow	51,776 9 0	2,868 14 0	29,792 0 0	4,277 1 0	6,352 0 0	95,061 8 0	446 8 0	94,615 0 0	
Unao	28,557 1 0	2,590 15 0	508 0 0	500 0 0	4,277 0 0	36,433 9 0	111 10 0	36,321 4 0	
Bara Banki	21,117 3 0	2,278 9 0	305 0 0	205 0 0	1,785 15 0	25,691 11 0	45 10 0	25,646 1 0	
Total of District Judge, Lucknow ...	1,01,450 13 0	7,733 6 0	30,605 0 0	4,982 1 0	12,414 15 0	1,57,186 3 0	603 12 0	1,56,582 7 0	
Sitapur	30,046 13 0	1,728 14 0	3,005 0 0	135 0 0	2,476 8 0	37,392 3 0	75 8 8	37,316 11 0	
Hardoi	23,236 14 0	1,992 3 3	...	300 0 0	2,971 13 0	28,500 14 3	...	28,500 14 3	
Kheri	12,321 14 0	534 12 0	...	150 0 0	1,363 14 0	14,870 8 0	...	14,870 8 0	
Total of District Judge, Sitapur ...	65,605 9 0	4,255 13 3	3,005 0 0	585 0 0	7,312 3 0	80,763 9 3	75 8 8	80,688 1 3	
Fyzabad	42,297 12 0	2,436 15 0	2,862 0 0	1,070 0 0	5,406 14 8	54,073 9 0	315 0 0	53,758 9 0	
Bahraich	21,722 6 0	293 12 0	...	180 0 0	802 10 0	23,003 12 0	...	23,003 12 0	
Gonda	24,912 8 0	1,560 7 0	...	1,210 0 0	2,937 6 0	30,620 5 0	17 4 0	30,603 1 0	
Total of District Judge, Fyzabad ...	88,932 10 0	4,296 2 0	2,862 0 0	2,460 0 0	9,146 14 0	1,07,697 10 0	332 4 0	1,07,365 6 0	
Rae Bareli	47,588 15 0	3,949 4 0	490 0 0	2,320 0 0	2,823 10 0	57,171 13 0	1,206 12 0	55,965 1 0	
Sultanpur	14,620 2 0	1,128 0 0	...	781 0 0	1,180 5 0	17,709 7 0	10 14 7	17,698 9 0	
Partabgarh	14,356 12 0	2,281 9 0	...	1,429 10 0	608 12 0	18,676 11 0	1 0 0	18,675 11 0	
Total of District Judge, Rae Bareli,	76,565 13 0	7,358 13 0	490 0 0	4,530 10 0	4,612 11 0	93,557 15 0	1,218 10 6	92,339 5 0	
Judicial Commissioner's Court ...	27,342 8 0	1,783 8 0	...	4,459 10 0	...	33,585 10 0	...	33,585 10 0	
GRAND TOTAL	3,59,897 5 0	25,427 10 3	36,962 0 0	17,017 5 0	33,486 11 0	4,72,790 15 3	2,230 2 0	4,70,560 13 3	

APPENDIX B.

Statement showing the Income and Expenditure of the Civil Courts in Oudh, during the year 1884.

Districts.	Income.						Expenditure.						Surplus.	Deficit
	Net value of stamps (exclusive of those used to denote process fees)	Duty and penalty on instruments not duly stamped.	Fines	Net process fees.	Judicial record fund	Total.	Salaries of officers presiding over Civil Courts and their establishments.	Process serving establishment: Nazirs, naibnazirs, bailiffs and mazarul office chaprasis.	Process serving peons.	Judicial record fund	Total			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12		13	14
	Rs a. p	Rs. a p	Rs a. p	Rs a p	Rs. a p	Rs a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a p	Rs a p.	Rs. a. p	Rs a. p		Rs a. p	Rs a p.
Lucknow ...	94 615 0 0	226 0 0	22 4 0	7,175 6 0	5,787 0 0	1,07,825 10 0	39,660 12 0	1,562 15 0	4,583 0 1	1,578 12 5	47,385 7 6		60,440 2 6	..
Unao ...	36,321 6 0	489 12 0	358 12 0	7,923 15 0	2,955 11 0	48,037 8 0	23,843 8 6	1,133 12 0	3,876 2 11	697 5 8	29,555 13 1		18,481 10 11	...
Bara Banki ...	25,646 1 0	177 14 0	12 0 0	5,520 15 0	1,828 2 0	33,185 0 0	18,756 2 2	900 0 0	2,892 7 4	931 5 8	23 481 15 2		9,703 0 10	...
Total of District Judge, Lucknow	1,56,582 7 0	886 10 0	388 0 0	20,620 4 0	10,570 13 0	1,89,048 2 0	82,262 6 8	3,601 11 0	11,351 10 4	3,207 7 9	1,00,423 3 9		88,624 14 3	
Sitapur ...	37,316 11 0	221 8 0	12 0 0	6,789 5 7	2,982 13 6	47,322 5 7	40,046 0 0	1,200 0 0	4,056 7 1	1,479 6 4	46 781 13 5		540 8 2	...
Hardoi ...	28,500 14 3	257 8 0	0 8 0	7,684 8 11	2 336 7 9	38,779 14 2	20 920 0 7	1,020 0 0	3,810 15 0	1,259 1 10	27,010 1 5		11 769 12 9	...
Kheri ...	14,8?0 8 0	78 0 0	8 8 0	3 848 1 3	847 6 0	19,652 7 3	12,536 11 2	760 0 0	1,993 7 11	491 5 6	15 601 8 7		3,850 14 8	...
Total of District Judge, Sitapur	80,688 1 3	557 0 0	21 0 0	18,321 15 9	6,166 10 0	1,05,754 11 0	73,502 11 9	3,000 0 0	9,860 14 0	3,229 13 8	89,393 7 5		16,161 3 7	
Fyzabad .	53,758 9 0	557 10 0	12 0 0	7,979 12 0	6,325 9 0	68,633 8 0	46 261 3 3	1,265 2 7	3,844 4 10	2 624 13 1	53 995 7 9		14,638 0 3	
Bahraich ...	23,903 12 0	121 12 0	14 0 0	4,075 12 0	856 8 0	28,071 12 0	14,595 5 7	780 0 0	3,059 6 9	432 5 0	18,867 1 4		9,204 10 8	...
Gonda .	30,603 1 0	252 12 0	16 0 0	7,732 12 9	2,738 1 8	41,342 11 5	25,823 6 10	1,379 5 8	3,507 15 7	1,298 7 8	32,009 3 9		9,333 7 8	..
Total of District Judge, Fyzabad	1,07,365 6 0	932 2 0	42 0 0	19,788 4 9	9,920 2 8	1,38,047 15 5	86,679 15 8	3,424 8 3	10,411 11 2	4,355 9 9	1,04,871 12 10		33,176 2 7	..
Partabgarh ..	55,965 1 0	191 6 0	20 0 0	16,296 14 0	3,189 0 0	75,672 5 0	34,326 1 4	1,080 0 0	2,765 12 3	1,742 5 10	39,914 3 5		35 758 1 7	...
Rae Bareli ...	17,698 9 0	755 4 0	16 8 0	5,969 13 0	1,909 2 0	26 349 4 0	15,461 6 10	900 0 0	2,616 2 6	999 6 8	19,977 0 0		6,372 4 0	.
Sultanpur ...	18,675 11 0	260 2 0	22 0 0	4,839 13 0	1,415 0 0	25 212 10 0	16,326 14 1	892 0 0	2,315 2 6	576 1 0	20,117 1 7		5,095 8 5	..
Total of District Judge, Rae Bareli	92,339 5 0	1,206 12 0	58 8 0	27,106 8 0	6,523 2 0	1,27,234 3 0	66,114 6 3	2,879 0 0	7,697 1 3	3,317 13 6	80,008 5 0		47,225 14 0	.
Judicial Commissioner's Court.	33,585 10 0	..	880 10	2,946 0 0	1,198 0 0	38,310 4 6	57,242 15 7	180 0 0	*103 0 0	1,075 6 3	58,601 5 10		..	20,291 1 4
Grand Total ...	4,70,560 13 3	3 582 8 0	1,090 2 6	98,783 0 6	34,378 11 8	5,98,395 3 11	3,65,802 7 11	13,085 3 3	39,424 4 9	15,186 2 11	4,33,498 2 10		1,85,188 2 5	20,291 1 4

* Postage.

ORDERS OF GOVERNMENT.

No. $\frac{938}{\text{VII}-146-2}$ OF 1885.

FROM

THE SECY. TO GOVT., N.-W. P. AND OUDH,
JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT,

To

THE JUDICIAL COMMISSIONER, OUDH.

Dated Allahabad, the 23rd October, 1885.

SIR,

JUDICIAL (CIVIL) DEPARTMENT.

I AM directed to acknowledge the receipt on the 20th of September of your report on the administration of Civil Justice in Oudh during the calendar year 1884, which was due on the 15th May. You mention that this long delay was unavoidable, but no explanation is given; and I am to ask that arrangements may in future be made to ensure the preparation of the report by an earlier date.

2. There was some diminution of litigation; the number of civil suits of all sorts instituted during the year was 51,995, as compared with 53,556 in 1883. The decline is not sufficiently considerable to require much explanation, but in some of the District reports reference is made to the agricultural prosperity of the year as a reason. The excellence of the harvests showed more marked effect in the statistics of the magisterial courts and of the police.

3. The fall in the value of the suits instituted was, however, remarkable. In 1882 it was 106 lakhs; in 1883, 147 lakhs; in 1884, 67 lakhs. You attribute this to the absence in 1884 of any cases of very great pecuniary importance, such as that still pending for an estate valued at 63 lakhs. The general low value of suits in Oudh as compared with the North-Western Provinces comes, in consequence, into more prominent notice. It appears from the interesting analysis you have appended to your report that the average value of the suits in Oudh in 1884 was Rs. 128, while in the North-Western Provinces it was Rs. 380. Of the whole number of suits the proportion for sums below Rs. 10 was not more than 9 per cent. in the North-Western Provinces, but was 32 per cent. in Oudh. This proportion in Oudh diminishes very slowly; and the slight reduction in 1884 is accompanied by an increase of suits on verbal contracts, the most difficult and uncertain of all data for judicial decision. The consequence of this characteristic of the litigation is seen in the lower proportion of decrees for the plaintiff in Oudh as compared with the North-Western Provinces. In the former, including cases compromised and decrees partly in favour of the plaintiff, the percentage is 79: in the latter 88. Again, as might be expected, there are fewer appeals in proportion to cases tried than in the North-Western Provinces—9 per cent. as compared with 14.

4. In view of the smallness of the sums in suit, the very considerable number of plaints dismissed without trial again attracts attention

In the Lieutenant-Governor's review of the report for 1883 it was asked whether the disproportionate number of such cases in Oudh was due to a difference in the classifications adopted in the two provinces, or to a difference in procedure; but no explanation has been given. There is a general assumption, which is inaccurate in a poor country, that petty suits are vexatious; but returns which show nearly 7,000 suits out of 54,000 as removed from the registers for the default of the plaintiff, and 1,000 more dismissed *ex-parte*, suggest enquiry as to the reasons which have led the plaintiffs in such numerous instances to abandon their suits after the considerable expense and trouble of the initial stages. The discrepancy in this matter between the two provinces is so marked, that I am to request that you will have the goodness to ascertain by examination whether any special cause or circumstances can be assigned in explanation of it.

5. The work of the ordinary courts seems to have been satisfactorily done. More suits were disposed of than in the previous year, and as the institutions were fewer, the file of pending cases was considerably lightened. The heaviest arrears were, as before, in the courts subordinate to the Judge of Fyzabad, but there was more business before them for disposal than in the courts of any of the other Judgeships. The duration of cases was moderate, and the result of appeals appears to indicate that the trials in the original courts were conducted with care and ability. In not more than 1½ per cent. of the cases decided on their merits was the judgment of the court of first instance reversed. This is a result very creditable to the Judges. In the North-Western Provinces the proportion was 2½ per cent.; but comparison in this matter cannot be very fairly made, as the matters for decision in the larger province are shown to be normally of greater importance and intricacy. It is also satisfactory that there was a considerable decrease in the number of cases remanded on appeal.

6. In the appellate courts the heaviest arrears were in that of the Judge of Rae Bareli; and it is assumed that you will have taken any particular notice that may be required of the exceptional balance of appellate work pending at the end of the year.

7 In the execution of their decrees the courts were scarcely so successful as in the preceding year, though the results still compare very favourably with those attained in the North-Western Provinces. In a year of prosperity an improvement in this respect might have been anticipated. The Judge of the Small Cause Court at Lucknow attributes the diminution of suits to a cheapness of food, which enabled money-lenders to recover debts more easily, but cheapness of food will usually also facilitate realisation of decrees, whereas fewer decrees of his Court were realised in 1884 than in 1883. The adjudication of the courts in Oudh is to so large an extent in cases affecting the poorer classes of the people that their general efficiency in the recovery of judgment debts is noteworthy.

8. The returns from the Rent Courts show some diminution in the rent litigation—a large reduction in suits for rent balances and some increase in suits to contest notices of ejectment—which tallies with the

information given by the reports on the revenue administration of the Oudh districts. The crops were good and tenants could readily pay; on the other hand, landlords used more freely their powers of eviction and enhancement than in the preceding years. In the review of the revenue reports the Lieutenant-Governor has remarked on the considerable expansion of ejectment notices. The effect of the ruling mentioned in the orders of Government on your last report, by which a tenant was disabled from pleading compensation for unexhausted improvements as a bar to eviction, appears to have been different in the various districts. In some it materially lessened the ratio of objections to notice of ejectment; in others the objection took another form and a suit was brought for recovery of possession. The ruling has now been cancelled, and the tenant has again the right of claiming payment for his improvements before he can be removed or his rent enhanced.

9. There appears to be considerable difference of opinion among district officers as to the distribution of Rent Act cases between Deputy Collectors and Tahsíldárs. In some districts the bulk of the work is given to the Tahsíldárs; in others to the officers at the head-quarters. There is in this matter some necessary variation. Where suits to contest notice of ejectment are numerous, the proportion tried at head-quarters must be large; for, unless the Tahsíldárs have been invested with the powers of a Deputy Collector, these suits cannot be tried at the tahsíls. Where, however, the suits are principally for arrears of rent or otherwise within the jurisdiction of the Tahsíldár, the opinion expressed by the Commissioner of Lucknow, that they should as far as possible be disposed of at the tahsíls, deserves attention. The cases are generally simple and quickly settled, and the convenience to the agricultural population of having them decided at the nearest courts requires no explanation. It is an illustration of the disadvantage of concentrating such cases at head-quarters that in Bahraich, where 59 per cent. of the rent litigation was disposed of at the tahsíls, there were only 3 per cent. of *ex-parte* decrees for the plaintiff, whereas in Fyzabad, where only 25 per cent. were decided by Tahsíldárs, the *ex-parte* decrees were as high as 18 per cent. I am to commend this point, which is of some importance, to your consideration; and I am to suggest that, in consultation with the Commissioners, you might arrange for a more uniform system of distribution of the rent work.

10. I am also to desire your attention to the high ratio of *ex-parte* decrees throughout the Rae Bareli Division. The figures for 1884 are in Rae Bareli 21 per cent.; in Sultanpur 16; and in Partabgarh 20. They differ little from those of the previous year, and enquiry seems to be called for as to the reasons for the exceptional proportion in these districts.

11. The success of the rent courts in the execution of decrees continues to be very creditable to the presiding officers.

12. Witnesses in both civil and rent courts appear, according to the returns, to have been very punctually heard and discharged. The Lieutenant-Governor has nothing to add to the remarks he made on the subject in the orders on your last report.

13. The very important duty of the periodical inspection of the subordinate offices seems in general to be attended to carefully; but it is observed that neither the District Judge nor the Deputy Commissioner of Fyzabad made any inspections during the year. The Deputy Commissioner of Sitapur went through the registers and records of only one tahsíl, and it is uncertain from the reports how far this duty was discharged by the District Judge of Sitapur or the Deputy Commissioners of Unao, Bara Banki, or Partabgarh.

14. The work in your own court was exceedingly heavy. There were 1,762 appeals in all for disposal; and, in spite of the strenuous exertions of your predecessors, arrears became so serious, and the duration of appeals in consequence so prolonged, that the assistance of an additional Judicial Commissioner had to be given shortly after the opening of the present year. To yourself and your colleague the suitors in the chief court in Oudh are indebted for the rapid disposal of their cases, which the assiduous labour of the last six months has accomplished.

I have the honor to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

J. WOODBURN,

Secy. to Govt., N.-W. P. and Oudh.